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BERLIN ON TURKISH TREATY

In Berlin the conclusion of the German-Turkish Treaty is regarded as meaning Turkey's inclusion in the political system of the Axis, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

In regard to the declaration in the Pact that earlier Turkish engagements are not affected, the correspondent says: "Political quarters in Berlin interpret this as meaning that if, contrary to expectations, the pact comes into conflict with earlier treaties, then naturally the most recent document will have preference."

The correspondent adds: "Despite Turkey's natural interest in Syria, it is stated in Berlin it is wrong to suppose the pact will affect military operations there, these being the affair of the French."

"Berlin does not think France will be obliged to seek German aid."

It is considered certain in Berlin, says the correspondent, that Turkey did not sign without consulting the Soviet.

"If the Soviet advised the Turks to sign, this is regarded as a good omen for a Russo-German settlement, which is expected to eventuate at the end of the present week."—Reuter.

DRASTIC NEW U.S. SURTAXES

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY DECIDED TENTATIVELY TO RECOMMEND DRASTIC INCREASES IN SURTAXES ON INDIVIDUAL INCOMES AND A TIGHTENING UP IN THE CORPORATION AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES IN ORDER TO RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$2,480,900,000 ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

The new individual income surtax schedule is said to more than double the tax bill of every taxpayer. —Reuter.

HONORARY DEGREE

President Roosevelt is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Common Law by a diploma from Oxford University, it was decided by the University yesterday, says Reuter from London.

"Nothing to report" up to 6 p.m., said an Air Ministry communique issued in London last night and quoted by Reuter.

ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON FORCES AT SOLLUM

The three-days battle at Sollum made enormous demands on the fighting forces, says the official German news agency.

"The temperature at noon averaged 139 degrees. The crews of tanks had to endure an even higher temperature." —Reuter.

EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE NIGHT RAID ON GERMANY

STRONG FORCES of British bombers on Wednesday night attacked ports in north-west Germany and the naval base at Brest, where the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and a Hipper class cruiser are still berthed.

Despite variable and often cloudy weather, the British aircraft reached their objectives, says the Air Ministry news service.

COTTON AS BUILDING MATERIAL

A special building material being manufactured in the United States from surplus cotton was mentioned in the Commons by a questioner yesterday.

He suggested Britain might acquire some under the Lease and Lend Act to build houses to accommodate British workers or evacuated industries.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Hicks, replied that at present British resources were

Heavy bombs were seen to burst across the docks at Brest, and at Bremen large fires were started.

One pilot stated: "The weather was strange. The North Sea was hidden by haze and we could only just detect the German coast. It was queer to see A.A. shells bursting above it as if coming from nowhere."

"Despite all this obscurity there were occasional gaps through which we could check our approach to the river and docks at Bremen."

"One of our bombers was attacked four times by an enemy fighter before a long burst drove it off. Tracer bullets were seen to enter the fighter which fell away obviously in trouble."

"The British bomber returned home without further interference." —Reuter.

adequate to provide materials for such purposes. He added, however, that enquiries are already being made regarding the experimental material in question. —Reuter.

Steady Progress Towards Beirut

THE ALLIED TROOPS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY TO BE NEARING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, AND EVENTS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY TO THE ALLIES ON THE COAST, WHERE STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS BEIRUT.

While there is always the possibility that the Vichy troops may make a stand half way between Sidon and Beirut, it is hoped in Cairo that the Beirut-Damascus line will soon be in British hands.

This will leave Tripoli, Homs and Aleppo as the chief towns still held by Vichy.

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique said progress has again been made by the Allied forces in the coastal sector, while further important positions have

been captured just south of Damascus.

In the central sector the Allied troops successfully recaptured Kuneitra, while strong Vichy forces in Merj Ayoun have now been surrounded, it announces.

Air Cooperation

The bombing of positions which were holding up the British troops near Damascus, was reported in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Combined forces of Australian and R.A.F. bombers, it says, attacked the positions.

At Beirut, shipping in the harbour was bombed, one very near miss being made on a destroyer.

Two Vichy aircraft were shot down at Soueida, about 60 miles south by east of Damascus. —Reuter.

Collier Sunk By Aircraft

The British ship "Empire Warrior," from Newcastle with coals for Portugal, was sunk by aeroplanes some distance from Villa Real de San Antonio, close to the Spanish border.

The crew of 25, of whom two were wounded, were saved by a Portuguese destroyer and a fishingboat.

Members of the crew who arrived in Lisbon yesterday stated their convoy was attacked off Cape St. Vincent by a submarine.

A call for help was responded to by a British seaplane. The latter attacked the submarine which made off and was possibly sunk. —Reuter.

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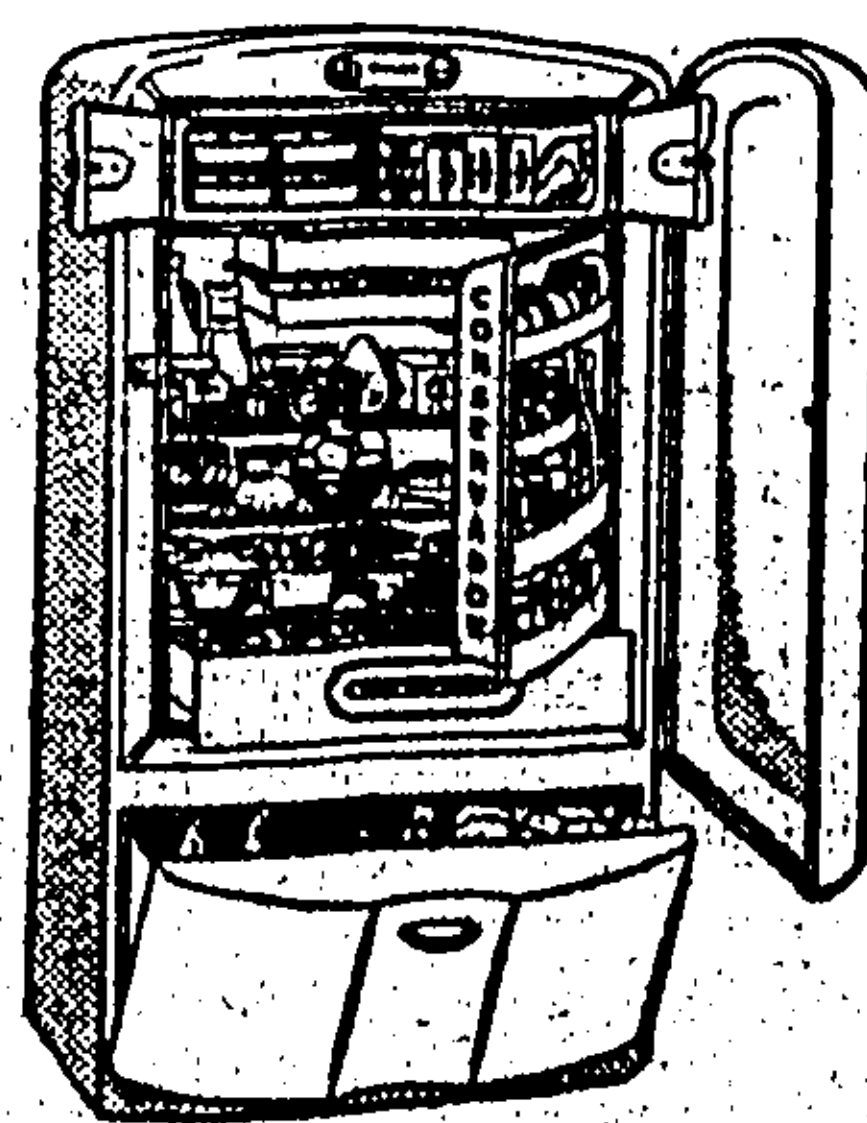
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Turkish Attitude Towards German Agreement

Territorial Security Measure

"WE TURKS WILL NEVER GO TO VIENNA," IS THE STATEMENT HEARD ON ALL HANDS IN ANKARA FOLLOWING THE SIGNATURE OF THE GERMAN-TURKISH PACT, AND TURKS ARE ANXIOUS THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT TURKEY REMAINS A FRIEND ALSO OF BRITAIN.

In view of the present geographical and military situation, with German troops near her frontier, the new agreement has obvious advantages for Turkey.

Turkish policy is to remain non-belligerent and she has no aggressive intentions against anybody. On the other hand she had been nervous lest Germany might try to drive east across Turkey.

The new Pact removes this possibility in the immediate future and therefore, as it blocks one of the approaches to the Middle East, is held to be of value to Britain.

Considerable curiosity exists why Germany was so anxious to sign a Pact under any conditions, and some observers suggest she wants to assure that Turkey remains neutral in the event of a German attack on Russia.

The fact that the latest Tass agency statement on Soviet-German relations has been virtually ignored by the German press and radio, and persistent rumours that Hitler will shortly demand the return of Bessarabia to Rumania, as well as large economic concessions, lend weight to this suggestion.

Bolder Concentration

The Pact also removes yet another explanation for the presence of large German troop concentrations on the Russian frontiers.

Finally, the agreement may lead to some expansion of German-Turkish trade, though it is unlikely that the harvest will permit the export of cereals which the Germans need so badly.

It is, however, unlikely to remove the suspicion with which Germany has been viewed in Ankara, and the Turks know exactly what German promises and assurances mean.

The agreement will be used by Goebbels as a diplomatic triumph, to offset Axis reverses in the United States, but that Turkey remains faithful to her alliance with Britain is seen in the clear statement in the preamble, on which the Turks insisted, refusing to sign if the clause was not included.—Reuter.

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NO CHANGE IN POLICY DENOTED

Turkey's attitude towards Britain and Germany following upon the new 10-year Pact of Friendship signed in Ankara between Germany and Turkey is explained in a leading article in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus," quoted by the Turkish radio.

The editor of the newspaper writes: "We are not renewing our friendship with Germany nor are we trying to repair the old friendship. There exists no direct discord between us and Germany. We will remain neutral in the complications centring around Turkey."

"We shall not be an instrument of aggression against our own ally, Britain, nor will Turkey act in a way incompatible with the friendship and confidence of Germany. This does not spell any change in our national policy. When Turkey concluded an alliance with Britain, we considered it our duty to prevent the spreading of war into our mutual zone of security—not to instigate its complications—and to defend the peaceful order of this zone."—Reuter.

WAR AND PUBLIC SCHOOL

An association of governing bodies of public schools is to be formed as the result of a representative meeting in London. It will consider common problems.

Because of this decision a meeting which had been called by the governors of Sherborne School for a similar purpose has been cancelled. This meeting was to have taken place at Trinity College, Oxford.

The schools feel that the need for a representative organisation was emphasised by the introduction of the Public and Other School (War Conditions) Bill. Assistance in the promotion of that measure had been given by the Standing Joint Committee of Governors and Headmasters.

This was admittedly only a temporary organisation which was designed of function in the absence of any other, and there will not be any further need for it.

22 HOURS IN THE BOX

SIR DELVES BROUGHTON'S EVIDENCE LASTED FOR 22 HOURS IN THE TRIAL IN WHICH HE IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL.

Accused paid tribute to the kindness and consideration of the prison officials and fellow prisoners, saying: "I have received more genuine kindness and thought both from the prison officials and prisoners than I have ever received outside the gaol."

Replying to his counsel, Sir Delves denied that he was ever irritable even under prison conditions.—Reuter.

M.P. FIRE FIGHTER HURT

Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, fifty-two-year-old Conservative M.P. for South Portsmouth, was seriously injured while on duty in London with the fire brigade.

SOVIET SILENT ON TURCO-NAZI PACT

Moscow radio hitherto has made no comment on the new German-Turkish Pact.

Only mention of the Pact from the station was an incidental reference to it in a review of the news in English, in which it was stated that "amongst other items dealt with by the Soviet press were the war and the German-Turkish Pact." — Reuter.

Hitler's Reply To Ineunu

"Mutual confidence" is the keynote of telegrams exchanged between President Ineunu of Turkey and Hitler on the occasion of the conclusion of the German-Turkish Treaty.

President Ineunu's telegram, as published in Berlin, says the agreement "sets the seal to the true and sincere friendship between Turkey and Germany."

It says: "Our two countries and peoples on this day enter into an era of mutual confidence with the firm intent always to maintain it." Hitler in reply declared: "I also am certain that our two countries

SIR RONALD CAMPBELL HOME

The British Minister in Yugoslavia, Sir Ronald Campbell, who has been a prisoner in Italy for nearly five weeks, arrived in London last night, Reuter learns.

He left Italy about a week ago and arrived in London via Lisbon together with British consular officials and certain officers of the British Council.

Sir Ronald fell into the hands of the Italians when Italian troops occupied Herzegovina, in Dalmatia, on April 18.

The American Embassy in Rome worked hard in arranging with the Italian Government for the safe passage to England of the British Minister and those with him.—Reuter.

LINK WITH VICHY

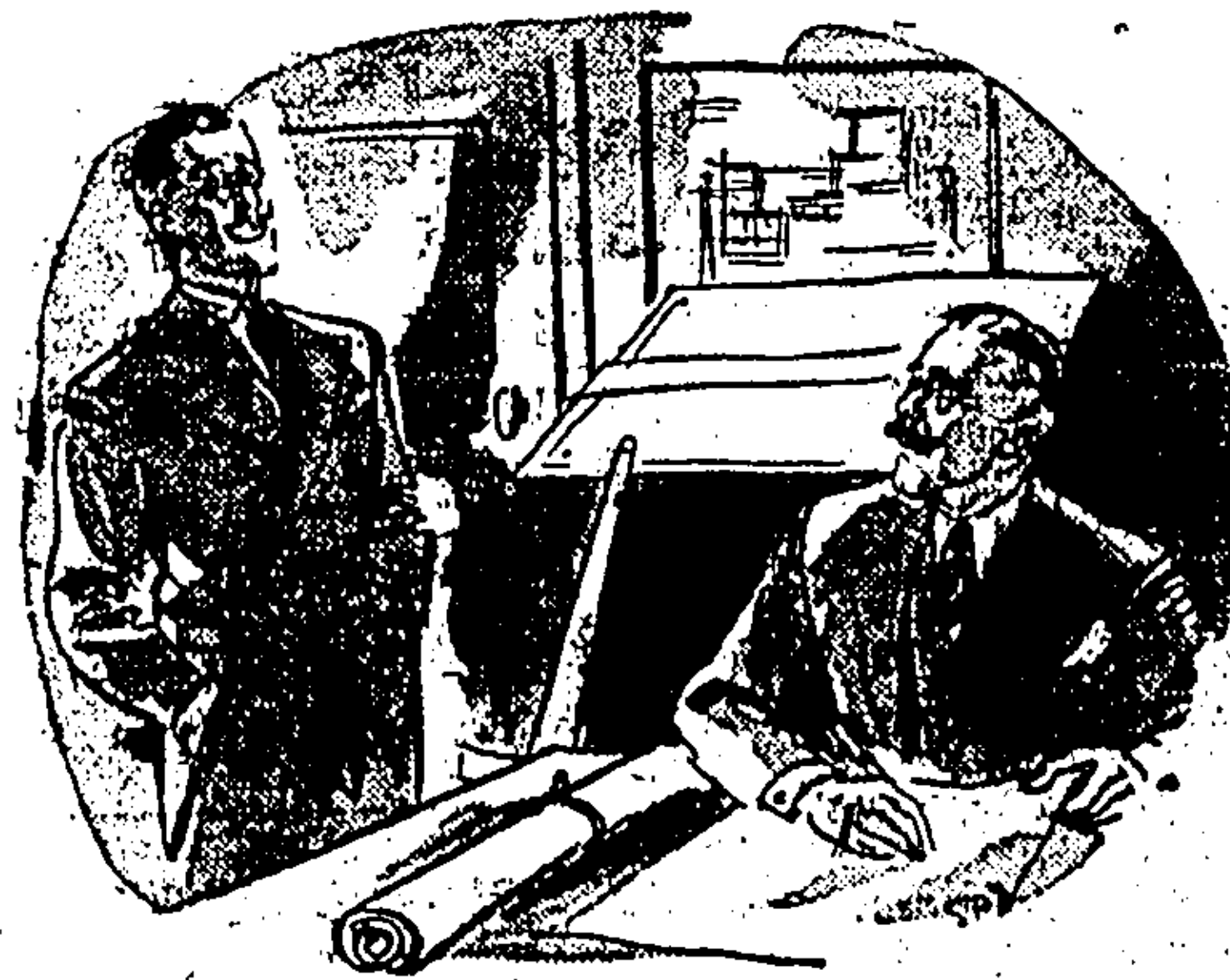
THERE ARE THE BEST OF REASONS FOR CONTINUING TO RECOGNISE THE VICHY REPRESENTATIVE IN OTTAWA, SAID MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON HIS RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY.

He noted that South Africa still retained its Vichy relationship.

Mr. Mackenzie King said President Roosevelt hoped to visit Canada in July or later in the summer. — Reuter.

now enter upon an era of lasting mutual confidence."

Telegrams were also exchanged between Dr. Sarajoglu and von Ribbentrop, the respective Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.



HAIL SMILING MORN!

"I feel so fit this morning I could tackle a very fierce man-eating tiger."

"Try tackling some of those estimates you should have finished yesterday."

"Now, David, no bitterness. It is a very beautiful morning. Let us cast aside our mundane tasks and hearken to the pipes of Pan. If I were a poet, David..."

"You're not. You're a very busy consulting engineer."

"Come, come, Mr. Scrooge. Is there no spark of sentiment in that flinty old heart?"

"Flinty old fiddlesticks. Look here, David, what is biting you today?"

"Well — er — as a matter of fact I went to a party last night. The foaming beakers were knocked back with speed and precision. I had a whale of a time."

"H'm — you look fresh enough anyway."

"That is the climax of my story. Somebody gave me the tip about Gimlets. You know — Rose's Lime Juice being a therapeutic agent — anticipating hangovers — and so on. And it works!"

"H'm. Must make a note of that — Rose's Lime Juice. Confound it! I've written it on the plans for the new reservoir!"

Silence About Hess Raises Debate In The Commons

Mismanagement Charge Against Mr. Duff Cooper

"THE COMPLETE AND APPARENTLY DIRECTED SILENCE IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE ABOUT RUDOLF HESS," WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. SAMUEL SILVERMAN.

Mr. Silverman contended that if Lord Beaverbrook had taken a Spitfire and landed by parachute by Berchtesgaden, the Germans would have made much better use of the incident, being used to cause doubt and mystification in the minds of the German population, or of our own.

Mr. Silverman asked a direct question: "Did Hess bring a peace plan or not?" He also asked what Mr. Churchill had told the United States Government and what it was that the United States Government was entitled to know but this country was not entitled to know.

Mr. Richard Stokes, another Labour member, said the whole position was fraught with suppression in statements and perhaps untruths.

Mr. Stokes alluded to the statement by Sir Archibald Sinclair (the Air Minister) on May 22 that the Duke of Hamilton did not recognise Hess and had never met him.

Mr. Stokes emphasised he was making no imputation against the Duke of Hamilton and asked, why should the Duke not know Hess? But he charged Government with making incorrect statements.

Judas Iscariot

Mr. Vyvan Adams (Conservative) blamed Government for allowing the Germans to be first with the allegation that Hess was mad.

That theory, he said, was still widely entertained among the bewildered British public, whereas Hess was no more mad than Judas Iscariot or Satan.

Better than silence would have been our ruthless use of this gift from Hell but the Ministry of Information had made no more use of it than an oyster. Mr. Adams believed Hess came to Britain to say to the aristocracy: "Join us or we join Russia," hoping to trap that mentality who wanted peace at any cost.

Leave Nazis Guessing

Mr. Henry Strauss, also a Conservative, took a totally opposite view and argued that whatever assumption you take about the circumstances in which Hess left Germany, the advantages of leaving Germany guessing were overwhelming.

Mr. Strauss contended that Government's silence had led the Germans into a palpable lie and a fantastic contradiction by which they had lost prestige in every country in the world.

Government's reply was made by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, who declined to depart from Government's present policy of silence about Hess.

He declared there was no mystery or confusion about Hess "who is a prisoner of war and is being treated as such, and will continue to be so treated."

As An Officer

Mr. Silverman interposed to ask whether he was being treated as a civilian prisoner or as a Field-Marshal.

Mr. Butler said he was being treated as an officer—perfectly fairly and rightly as a prisoner of war with all the attendant circumstances.

"IT IS NONSENSE TO SUGGEST THAT HESS IS AT CHEQUERS (THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE COUNTRY).

"Other conjectures as to the reasons for Hess coming here can be left to the imagination of individual members, and members have given full rein to their imagination to-day."

Mr. Butler said he would be unable to satisfy the curiosity for reasons of public interest.

On the point whether the Duke of Hamilton knew Hess, or whether correspondence had taken place before, Mr. Butler said he had nothing to add to Sir Archibald Sinclair's statement on May 22.

Substantial Point

There was a substantial point as to why, if the American Government was informed, British public opinion should not be informed as well.

There had been endless diplomatic exchanges between Britain and other countries throughout the war and "it has been a source of sorrow that I have not been in a position to divulge them to Parliament."

"The British public should share as far as possible the inner thoughts of Government but in this case we do not believe we have anything to say which would make for an improved effort of the public and we do not believe that by not saying anything we are in any way upsetting public morale."

Tough Job

Dealing with points of general policy raised in the debate, Mr. Butler declared it was Government's desire to avoid making idealistic statements about the future which might not be realised.

"We are in the middle of a tough job and are determined to see it through."

"REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE CLIVEDEN SET AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE. THEY ARE BOTH DEAD AND MAY THEY SO REMAIN."

"We want to build not only a new set in this country but a new Europe, and that is a job we can pursue without making grandiose statements."—Reuter.

ITALIAN STEAMER TAKEN OVER

The U.S. Maritime Commission announced yesterday they have taken formal possession at Savannah (Ga) of the S.S. Clara, first of the 28 Italian ships in United States waters, according to a Reuter message from Washington.

RUSSIAN UNCERTAINTIES

The London Stock Exchange was quieter yesterday, the Russian uncertainties exercising a restraining influence, but prices generally were maintained and the undertone remains firm. Among industrials, iron and steels continued upward and Cable and Wireless ordinary were strong at 62-1/2 against 60-3/4 on publication of the 1940 results. Kaffirs encountered profit-taking but rallied towards the close. Diamonds tended easier while Home Rails met continued demand and were quoted at 12 against 11-1/8. Wall Street was cautious.—Reuter.

FREEZING ORDER EXEMPTION NEGOTIATIONS

The U.S. Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced at his press conference yesterday that conversations have been inaugurated with the representatives of Portugal, Russia, Finland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, to exempt those nations from President Roosevelt's freezing order.—Reuter.

CLEAN-UP CONTINUES

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo says that in Abyssinia, while Patriot forces are steadily increasing their pressure on the Italian garrison in the Gondar district, British troops are continuing the advance on Debra Tabor.

In the southern areas, operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The communique adds that in Libya there is nothing of importance to report.—Reuter.

FIRMER CONTROL OF PRICES IN BRITAIN

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S comprehensive policy which it is planned to extend over the whole financial, industrial, commercial and social activities of the country, was explained in the Commons yesterday by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, in presenting a Bill for the control of prices for goods and services.

General object of the policy is to assist the diversion of production and productive capacity to war purposes while keeping down the costs of the necessities of life.

Industrially this is secured by Government control of prices and distribution of raw materials and by rationing food and clothing.

Mr. Lyttleton declared that prevention of any further increase of wages can only be effected by maintaining the purchasing power of money or ensuring that the cost of a reasonable quantity of essential commodities is kept reasonably steady.

Contributions to this end are made by the Chancellor's policy of mobilising extra purchasing power, by voluntary and involuntary saving, and high taxation, and also by rationing.

Some rise in prices may occur owing to the actual increase in costs due to the war, such as the extra cost of ocean freight insurance and so forth.—Reuter.

GERMAN CALLED AS WITNESS

When Maj. Arthur James Braybrook, 46, of the Military Police, appeared on remand at Bromley, Kent, charged with stealing 100 sovereigns, two typewriters, some jewellery, and 1,040 safety razor blades from inmates of camps for enemy aliens of which he had been commandant, it was stated that other charges would probably be brought.

The hearing was adjourned for a fortnight, Braybrook's bail being renewed.

A German internee, Ernst Kart Ritter, gave evidence concerning a typewriter said to have been found at the major's house. Ritter said that he landed in Scotland last June after escaping from Norway. He had to surrender his typewriter, but did not dispose of it to anyone.

Mr. Lawson Walton, prosecuting, said that Mr. Christmas Humphreys, counsel for Braybrook, was "too shaken" to appear. Cross-examination was reserved.

ACCIDENT KILLS GENERAL

Major-General Cecil Malden has been killed in an accident while on active service.

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"WE TOO ARE BORN to freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom and would rather die on our feet than life on our knees," declared President Roosevelt in a message read on his behalf yesterday, when Oxford University's highest honour degree of Doctor of Civil Law was conferred on the President by Lord Halifax as Chancellor of Oxford University.

The ceremony took place at a special Convocation of Oxford at the Harvard graduation ceremonies, at which Lord Halifax himself received Harvard's honorary degree of Doctorate of Laws.

President Roosevelt was unable to attend owing to official business at Washington, and Brigadier-General Edwin Watson, his military aide-de-camp, represented him.

Only once or twice has the Convocation occurred outside Oxford's walls, and it is believed to be unprecedented for the Chancellor himself to preside personally at such a ceremony.

Lord Halifax wore the black and gold robes of state as Chancellor for the ceremony, which conformed as closely as possible to the Oxford tradition.

Forty members of Oxford University were present at Harvard for the occasion, including four Oxford delegates, one of whom was Sir Arthur Salter.

Stand For Liberty

The degree was conferred "in token of our deep respect for his exalted station and in lively recollection of his stand for liberty and his steadfast championship of humanity and law."

Lord Halifax read the lengthy diploma stating that whereas President Roosevelt "has at all times been in the fight for peace, justice and freedom, and to-day has not only heartened the defenders of liberty by his lofty and inspiring eloquence but brought, and in an ever-increasing measure, is still bringing material help required to secure the final defeat of lawlessness and aggression."

New Symbol

President Roosevelt, responding by proxy through Brigadier-General Watson, declared: "All the world can be enriched by the new symbol which supports truth and the search for truth."

"In days like these, therefore, we rejoice that this special Convocation, in breaking all historical precedent, does so in the great cause of preserving the free learning and civil liberties which have grown, stone upon stone, in our lands through centuries."

"That is why I am proud to be permitted to have a part," President Roosevelt's message proceeded: "There have been other symbols throughout the years and in the present."

After this the message quoted extracts from statements by Mr. John Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, who in a recent special interview said the bomb hits on Westminster Abbey and the House of Commons "seemed to me to

symbolise the objectives of the dictator and pagan."

Lincoln Statue

President Roosevelt then quoted Mr. Winant's statements on observing the statue of Abraham Lincoln standing near the wreckage: "And, as an American, I was proud to be there in all that wreckage as a friend and sentinel of gallant days that have gone by and a reminder that in this great battle for freedom he waited patiently for support for those things for which he lived and died."

To this President Roosevelt added: "We, too, are born to freedom and, believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom."

"We and all others who believe as deeply as we do would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."—Reuter.

TROOPS TO QUIT HOTELS

Hotel and boarding-house proprietors whose premises have been used for billeting troops during the winter are to be allowed to re-occupy them, for the summer months. The troops will then have been moved temporarily to areas offering greater facilities for collective training.

The hotels concession is being made by the military authorities with the object of minimising the trading loss and inconvenience suffered through requisitioning and giving them the opportunity of profiting by the seasonal trade.

It is understood that the rent compensation will cease during the period of the temporary surrender of the premises.

SOLVING A RAID PROBLEM

Two research workers at the Evans Biological Institute, Runcorn, Cheshire, were given a war-time problem to solve. They succeeded, and in doing so have made possible a new advance in the treatment of disease.

The problem was one created by the Luftwaffe in our hospitals and clinics—how to store essential antitoxins, which had to be kept in large sterile glass containers, at a temperature just above freezing point.

Refrigerators might fail during bombing raids and glass was too fragile, yet somehow supplies for fighting epidemics and treating injuries must be maintained.

Messrs. C. E. Shaw and H. G. Hind set to work. A paper by them, presented at the science session at the British Pharmaceutical Conference, records their triumph.

They have discovered two methods, both of which yield a dry powder. The anti-toxin is maintained potent and sterile in any sort of container, and cold storage is no longer necessary. The bomb-threat has been beaten.

18 MONTHS' LOSS IN EDUCATION

MISS B. M. PEARSON, IN A PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN TEACHERS AT YORK, SAID THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN HAD RECEIVED VERY LITTLE EDUCATION FOR 18 MONTHS.

"Something must be done, and done immediately," she said. "The children cannot wait for post-war schemes of reconstruction—they are our concern now."

Councillor J. Hargrave, chairman of York Education Committee, said that a commandant in one of the Women's Auxiliary Services who was recently asked about the response of her members to adult education, replied: "Girls under my command are not in the least interested. They have no background and no future."

Most of those girls left school at 16, and under their home influence they had no interest in anything beyond the ordinary routine work they were doing.

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KITCHEN CLUBS FOR WIVES

"Kitchen clubs," where the housewife can get advice on food and ventilate local problems, are to be set up in many parts of the country.

Food advice centres of this kind opened at Hammersmith, Reading, Oldham and Blackburn are proving most popular. Chief

attention will be given to industrial centres and areas where a big influx of evacuees has created special problems.

"Food supplies are going to be difficult for the next three months," Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, said "and we want the help of the housewife. These clubs will enable people to exchange information with one another, and the Ministry officials will tell us at headquarters of their problems."

The Minister made this confession: "I have never cooked a meal in my life and I am not a dietician."

A shop in the main street of a town is chosen for the club, and there practical Ministry experts will give advice on cooking and arrange demonstrations. Advice is based on tests carried out in a kitchen at the Ministry itself, planned to resemble an ordinary household kitchen.

Clubs will soon be opened at Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Croydon, Exeter, Gateshead, Leeds, Nottingham, Sheffield, Stockport, Uxbridge, Worcester and Wrexham.

The special allocation of meat for manufacturing purposes to general butchers will be doubled. This will mean a bigger supply of sausages and other prepared meats.

'PLANE WATCHERS FOR U.S.

A NATIONAL AEROPLANE WARNING SERVICE, ENROLLING 500,000 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS COOPERATING WITH THE ARMY AIR CORPS, IS TO BE FORMED IN THE U.S.A. IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.

The War Department termed the move "another step in real preparedness for a possible emergency."

The Service will be similar to Britain's Observer Corps.

TURNING MOLES TO PROFIT

A drive to collect millions of moleskins to make into coats for sale in North and South America is being planned by the fur trade export group, supported by the Board of Trade.

The skins will replace supplies that used to come to London from Italy, France, Belgium and Holland. It is said that an average of 25,000,000 moleskins came here every year from those countries and that most of them were re-exported.

As English moleskins make the finest and most durable fur coats, there is a big opportunity of developing an export trade for these garments independent of foreign supplies.

"By trapping moles, landowners, farmers and others will not only get rid of a pest and so increase food production, but will help to build up a valuable trade and raise foreign exchange to pay for war supplies from abroad," an official of the Export Group said.

"Our main effort will begin in the autumn, and the season lasts until March, during which time the fur is at its best, and we are rapidly building up an organisation to put people in touch with the nearest trappers and collectors."

Skins from moles trapped out of season are not worth as much as those trapped in the winter.

A person wishing to destroy moles can get authority from the county war agricultural executive committee to purchase a small quantity of strychnine to put down the burrows.

The greatest care, however, is needed in the use of this poison to prevent danger to farm stock.

18 HOURS IN BED

German Did Not Like Farming

Heinrich Israel Fabisch, 44, a German citizen, of Flower and Dean Street, Stepney, was sentenced at Old Street Police-court to six months' hard labour for failing to notify his intention to change his address.

Fabisch was interned, Det. Daws said, but was released to go to a farm in Flintshire. He came to London and said he had lost his way to the farm. He was seen by the police and sent to the farm. The farmer stated that Fabisch would not get up until 10 a.m., and went to bed at four in the afternoon.

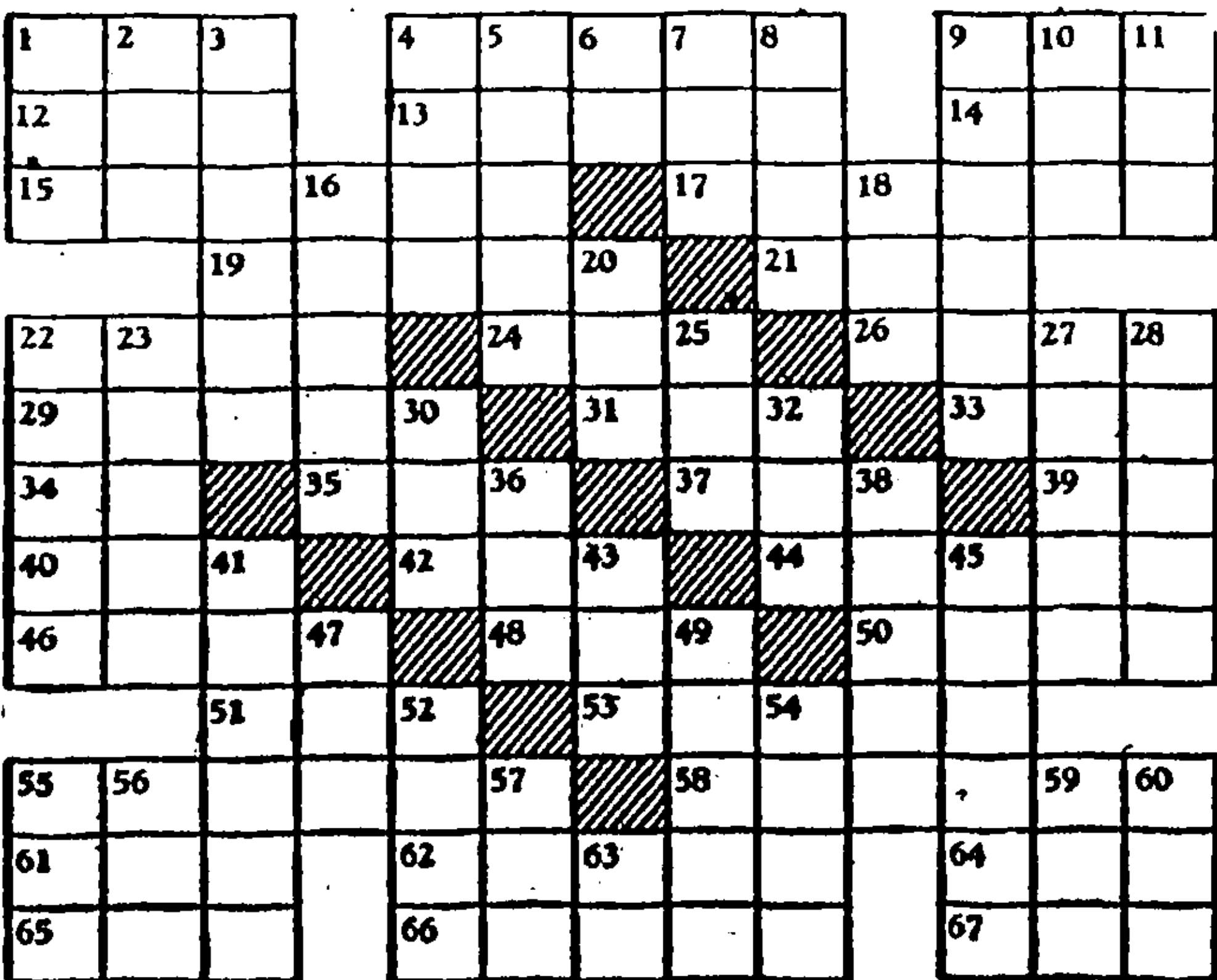
Apparently, said the officer, Fabisch wanted to get employment in a uniform factory, where he could earn £5 to £6 a week, rather than work at the farm. He had flouted the aliens regulations.

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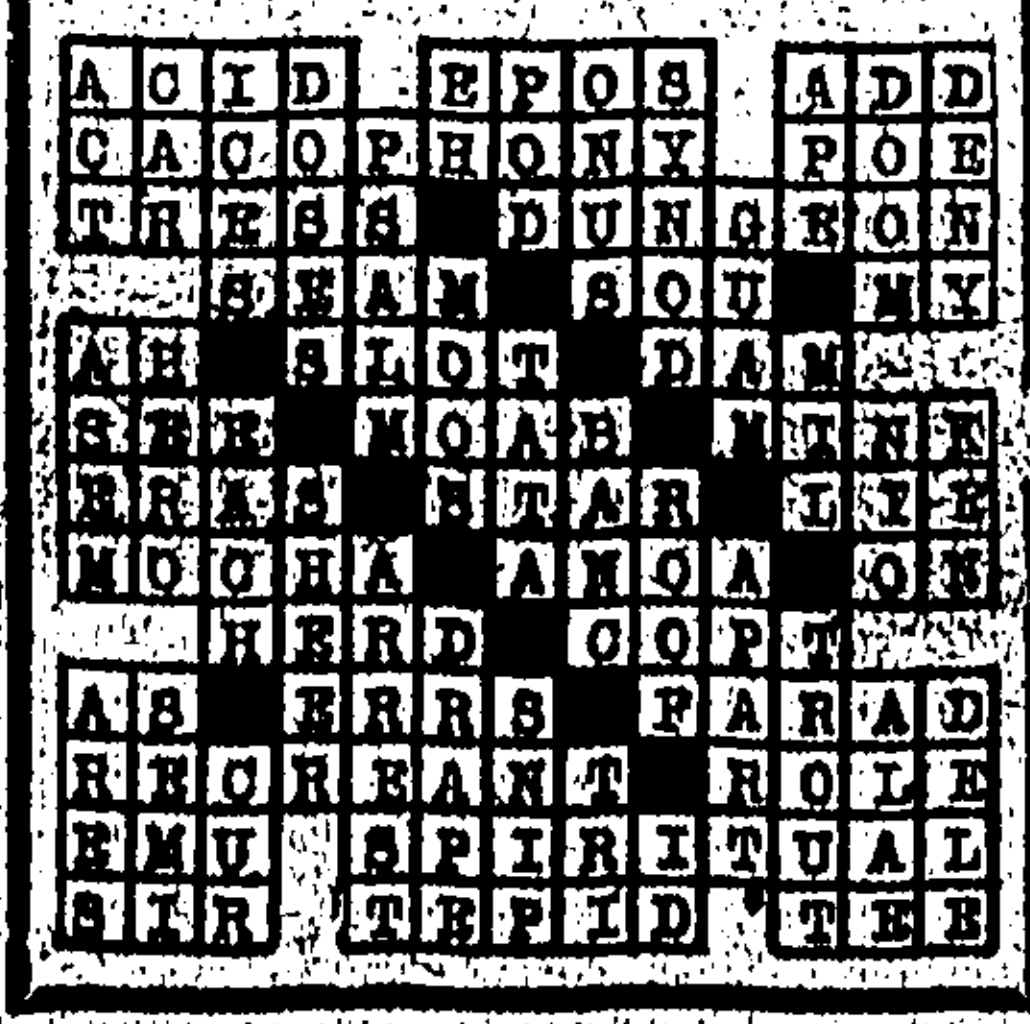
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- 1 River in Prussia
- 4 To excite
- 6 Opening
- 12 To place
- 13 Report
- 14 Frozen water
- 15 Enigmatic
- 17 To steal
- 18 Unspoken
- 21 Negative
- 22 Journey
- 24 Dutch weight
- 26 To unite, as metal
- 29 Residences
- 31 College
- 33 To take away
- 34 Four
- 35 Insect eye
- 37 To strike
- 39 Brother of Odin
- 40 Lavatory
- 41 Vessel
- 42 Dance step
- 44 Palatable
- 46 Malayan dagger
- 48 Gamble
- 50 Measure of length (pl.)
- 51 To scold

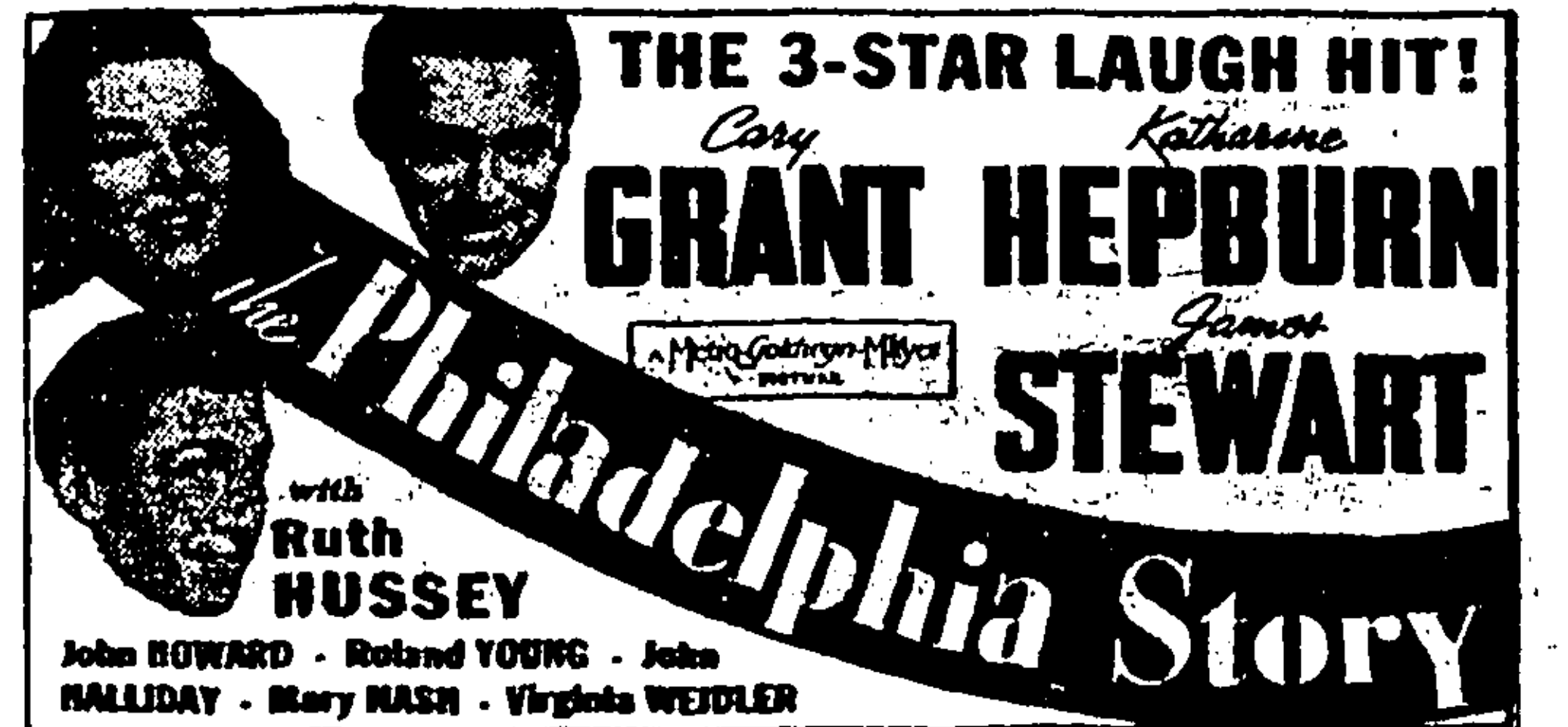
VERTICAL

- 1 Shade tree
- 2 Month
- 3 Organised whole
- 4 Scandinavian navigator
- 5 Girl's name
- 6 Part of "to be"
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- 9 Talented

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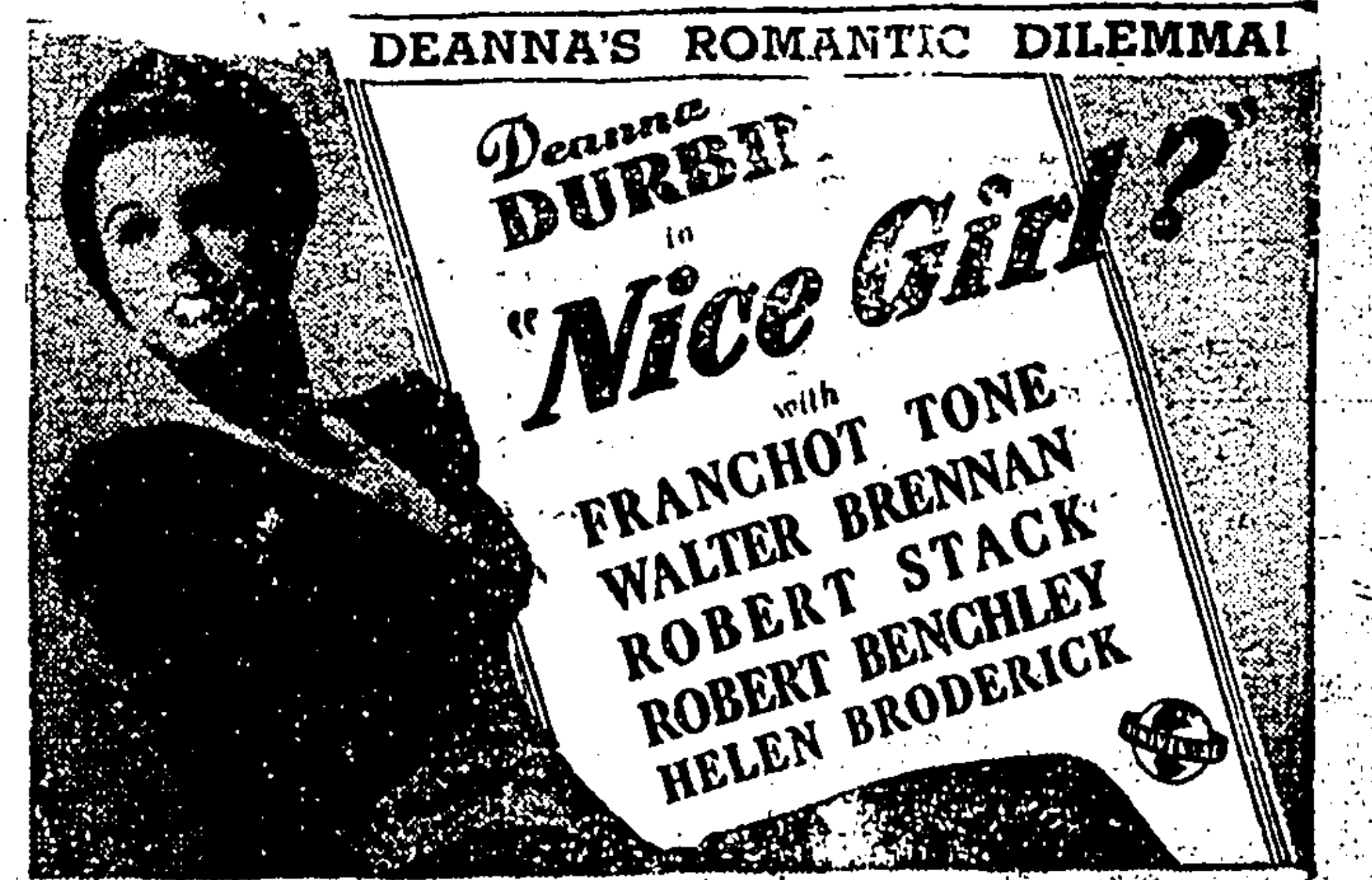


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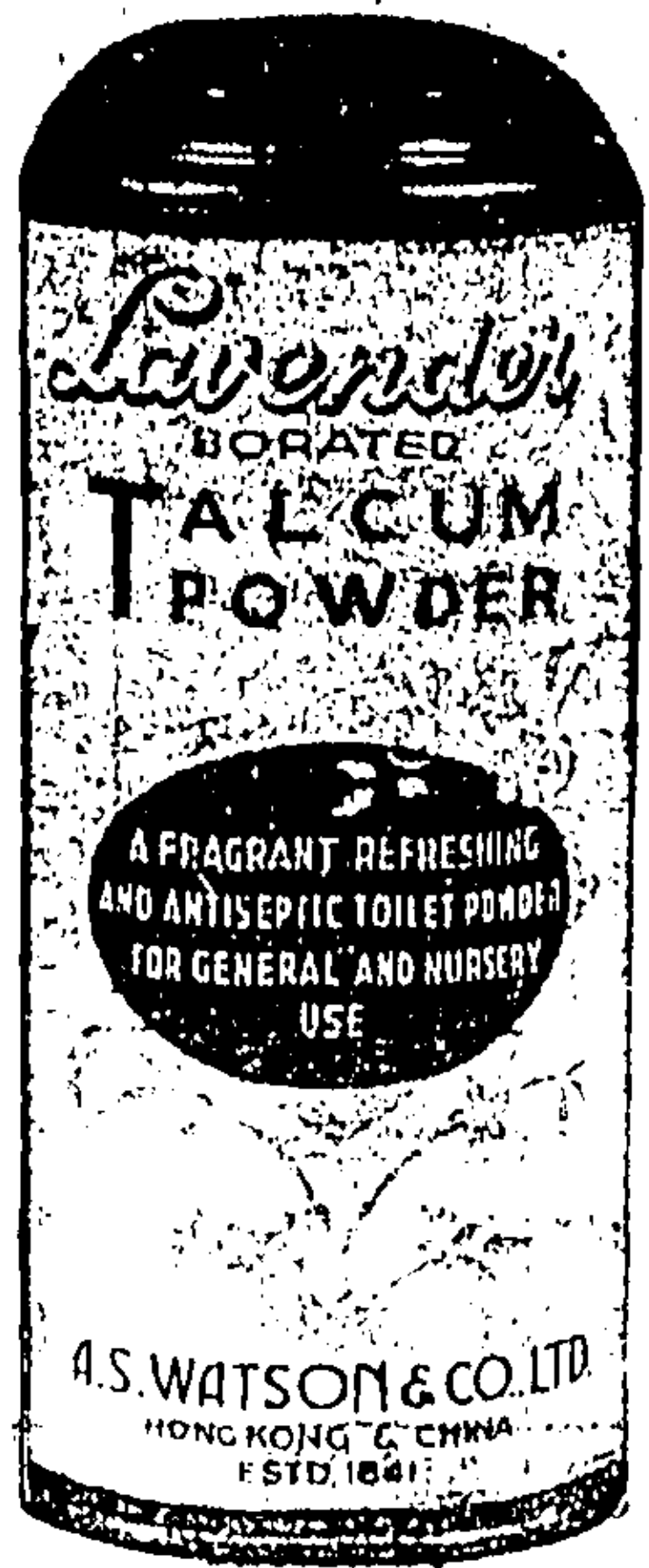
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BRITISH WAR PRISONERS STUDY NATURE

LATEST NEWS from the prisoners-of-war camp Seven C at Laufen, Bavaria, shows that morale is excellent and the conditions reasonably good. The prisoners are now being allowed to visit an island in the river outside the camp.

They tell in letters to friends in Lisbon how they are making nesting boxes for birds and fixing them in trees on the island.

One officer has sent a request for a trout fishing-rod. Another plea is for flower seeds.

Some minor requests made by the prisoners testify eloquently to the high degree of self-respect they are maintaining in captivity.

One man writes asking for button polish to be included in the next parcel. Another wants sock suspenders, while several request nail brushes. A Scots officer, asking for textbooks, writes that he is studying all kinds of subjects from early Scottish history to architecture and botany.

Red Shorts Order

For summer recreation a large consignment of rubber "gym" shoes is being sent from Lisbon. Cotton shorts and stockings will follow. The German camp commandants have ordered that the shorts must be bright red and the stockings white, with either red or blue stripes. Presumably it is considered that khaki sports equipment is sufficiently distinctive as a safeguard against attempts at escape.

Meanwhile the recently started air mail service for prisoners' letters via Lisbon is working most successfully. The large accumulation of camp letters en route for Britain is now practically cleared. British Airways' planes have carried as much as half a ton in one trip. The bulk of the mail from prisoners is now arriving by air from Germany, though some is still carried overland.

Little recent news has been received from the so-called reprisal camp at Posen, which is located in an old fortress. Apart from officers sent there from Bavaria, the majority of the prisoners are of other ranks.

Paper Footwear

At one time their plight was bad, especially as regards clothing and footwear. A traveller who visited Posen two months ago reports seeing British prisoners going out to work in the fields with their feet wrapped in newspapers and their clothes in tatters. It is probable, however, that adequate supplies of Red Cross clothing and footwear have since reached this camp.

What the prisoners suffered during the first few months of confinement is vividly recalled by another informant from the Polish town of Thorn, where the camp for British and French soldiers is situated. During the early winter the rations were so bad that the men sold or exchanged personal possessions, watches, books, even clothing to obtain food.

Despite strict Nazi orders forbidding the populace any contact with the prisoners, the people of Thorn found means of helping them. The prisoners used to march daily in gangs from camp to work, and the people placed pieces of bread and bottles of beer on the pavements where the men could bend down and pick them up as they passed.

FIVE DIE AT PLAY

Five children were killed and three seriously injured playing with a small practice bomb at Cheltenham, Glos.

The dead are:
Kenneth Burford, aged ten;
Percy Mitchell, aged fourteen;
Marian Eason, aged ten;
Trevor Wellings, aged six, and
John Chitty, aged seven.

The bomb was found by Peter Mitchell when he and companions visited a neighbouring holiday resort.

It failed to explode when Peter threw it into a quarry, and the boy took it home.

WIFE SHOOTS RIVAL BEAUTY

Taking a snub-nosed revolver from her purse, pretty Nita Barr, of Dallas, Texas, fired two shots—one through each eye of Mrs. Blanche Woodall, a former night-club dancer, who she believed had stolen her husband's love.

A few minutes earlier Mrs. Barr had stood before a mirror applying lipstick and rouge to her rival's face.

She turned to Mrs. Woodall's two young children, stroked their hair, and told them: "Your mother is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen."

Then she walked into the living room with the former dancer and shot her dead.

"No," she told the police. "I wasn't drunk. Just don't remember what happened."

She has been separated from her husband, Eddie Barr, newspaper columnist, for two weeks.

PREFERS PANTS TO PANTIES

BECAUSE A WIFE WEARS TROUSERS, SMOKES A PIPE AND SCRATCHES THE FLOORS WITH HER HOBNAILED BOOTS IS NO REASON WHY HER HUSBAND SHOULD BE GRANTED A DIVORCE IN THE EYES OF A NEW JERSEY JUDGE.

When Joseph Napolitano met his wife, Jimmy, she was dressed in masculine attire, but promised to return to lace panties and silk stockings when they were married.

She did so—for the three days of their honeymoon. Now she remains Mrs. "Jimmy," even if she sometimes looks like Mr.

BLOOD MONEY

Those who leave saving to others are traitors, said Lord Kindersley at East Grinstead, Sussex, War Weapons Week.

"Money has become something in the nature of a sacred trust for the winning of the war, and when it is spent unnecessarily it becomes tainted with the blood of those defending us."

PUZZLE FOR A RESCUER

Passing over a river bridge at Plymouth, a man saw a boy drowning in 5ft. of water.

The child had fallen into a stream which was 40ft. below the bridge level and the man—Carlisle Morrison, twenty-four, a Royal Canadian naval rating—was in a dilemma.

If he dived off the bridge into the comparatively shallow water he would probably have broken his neck. If he jumped he risked serious injury.

But Morrison did not hesitate. He threw off his coat and boots, leaped on to the parapet, and jumped.

The water only partly broke his fall, and the stones on the river bed cut his feet.

He was dazed by the impact and swept off his feet, but he mastered the swirling current and brought the boy to the bank.

The boy, Brian Reade, four, recovered in hospital.

"There was nothing to it," Morrison said afterwards.

TOOK ALE FOR LONG LIFE

Mrs. Mary Ann Jenner, of Wallington, Surrey, who has died aged 100, remembered seeing the Crystal Palace built and saw it burned down. She attributed her long life to hard work, wholesome food and a glass of ale for supper.

GIRLS SCARCE AND SO IS BEER

THE BOYS MAY HAVE to go short of beer now that the girls are being called up. Already brewers are finding a shortage of labour among girls who have left beer-bottling for war jobs.

They all say there is plenty of beer and that transport isn't too bad—it's just a case of getting the beer into bottles.

"We are having to ration our customers as a result of the shortage of beer-bottlers," a representative of Style and Winch, the brewers, told a reporter. "On an average girls get £2 a week for bottling. The older hands seem to be content to remain in their jobs—it's the younger ones who seem to be giving them up for war work," he said.

The shortage of beer is so acute in Birmingham and other Midland towns that many

public-houses are closing at 8 p.m.

The manager of a brewery there said: "Bottling is our chief difficulty, as we cannot get the woman labour. There is plenty of beer in the country, but we cannot get it away."

At the Ministry of Labour it was told: "If it is considered that there is more essential work for them to do, girls will be taken from brewery jobs. But as far as we know they will be left there."

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NAZI-SOVIET TENSION

It is extremely unlikely that there is any truth in the rumours broadcast from Ankara of a German invasion of Russia. It is, however, highly probable that the original source of these rumours was German and that the purpose inspiring their circulation was to impress upon the Kremlin that such a development is not outside the bounds of possibility. For while there seems to be growing feeling that Hitler will not hesitate to strike if he is balked, there is plenty of ground for the belief that he will avoid precipitate action and an unwanted war if his ends can be achieved by other means. His immediate aim is to convince Russia that he means business, though intending nothing more than a large-scale bluff.

On the Russian side, no modification of the ultra-cautious foreign policy of the Soviet is to be expected. Many are the concessions likely to be authorised in preference to a clash of arms with Germany. Great as are the anxieties which the Kremlin must feel over the situation, the publicly admitted preoccupation of the Soviet Government for months has been concentrated on the field of production. Last year's increase in working-time to a six-day week and an eight-hour day has failed to provide sufficient stimulus to the industrial machine. The Party Conference in February was devoted largely to denunciations of the Commissars responsible for various branches of production — including military supplies, the chemical industry and the electrical industry — and was followed by a minor purge in which several of the offenders were dismissed and others reprimanded.

In any case there is no doubt that Stalin is a realist who understands fully that foreign policy can be based only on effective power, and that effective power in the contemporary world means a highly organised and developed industrial capacity. The Finnish War was an untimely revelation of Russian weakness which the Soviet authorities have ever since that time been labouring hard to repair. Stalin, who has been for twenty years a close and tolerably cynical observer of the international scene, is unlikely to put much faith in pacts—least of all in those which now unite

his country with its western and eastern neighbours. But he is even less likely to embark on any adventure which will place a critical strain on Soviet resources. His policy is to build up Soviet military strength, and to stave off Germany long enough to prevent any disagreeable interruption of the process.



ON THE SPOT

LONDON DEFIES THE FURY OF THE LUFTWAFFE: NO. 2

Cinema Day Audiences

In spite of assertions by the enemy that gigantic petrol dumps had been hit and tankers in convoy sunk, every car driver is allotted his petrol ration with the greatest regularity—even including foreigners who are still allowed to use their cars.

Where proof can be given that the car is urgently required an additional ration is granted. Every motorist has made it a rule to offer lifts to pedestrians, whereby the difficulties of bus, rail and underground traffic during rush hours have been considerably alleviated. To offer lifts to soldiers has become a matter of course.

Many drivers have fitted their cars with a collection box in which their passengers can put whatever they think is due: the proceeds are handed over to the Red Cross or the local Spitfire Fund.

The black-out, which is still being rigorously enforced, has brought it about that cinemas, theatres and concerts are more crowded in the afternoon. Blitz or no blitz, the Londoners still love their theatre and their cinema.

The most popular entertainments are light plays which enable one to forget the war for a few hours, or else patriotic films of which some very good ones have recently been shown.

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten"

A picture called "London Can Take It," showing the capital during and after air attacks, and the fire brigade and other civilian defence organisations in action, has had an enormous success. The Chaplin film, "The Great Dictator" is the piece de resistance of the moment.

The black-out has also brought about a much greater appreciation of books, newspapers and the wireless, because few people now leave their homes at night.

Nightlife has almost entirely vanished: invitations to supper have been replaced by invitations to lunch.

As far as the food situation is concerned, it may be described as entirely satisfactory. The prices of most articles have been fixed by the Government; profiteering has thus been rendered impossible.

To assure just and equal distribution to everybody the following articles of food have been rationed: butter, margarine and cooking fats, sugar, bacon, tea and meat with the exception of sausages.

Vegetables, bread, fruit, potatoes have not been rationed. In every case the rations are so fixed that everybody can have enough for his needs—except that people used to eating a lot of meat have to be satisfied with less to-day. Only eggs have for some time been scarce and dear.

A word about the radio, the press and propaganda.

The British Broadcasting Corporation has been supplementing the news at night by short talks

by famous personalities, such as politicians, military experts, etc.

Regrettably, Churchill himself has rarely the time to come to the microphone, but when he does it is evident how very popular he really is. His speeches, his remarks, his conclusions are for days afterwards discussed in the train, in the bus, in the tram.

Except where military considerations do not permit it, the press has retained its freedom to a remarkable degree. It is—as it has always been—a mirror of the most diverse points of view and opinions. It is united only in that it has one great goal—the winning of the war.

In spite of laws giving the Government almost dictatorial powers, the press still criticises strongly if it considers a Government measure to be unsatisfactory.

Often it gives the impression that it keeps urging the Government to do or not do something, till the Government finally accedes. Thus it is worth mentioning that it is mainly due to the press that certain measures taken against aliens by the Home Secretary after the collapse of Holland have nearly all disappeared.

To-day, every Englishman is a hundred per cent. convinced that England will win this war—that it cannot lose this war because it can endure it for longer than the totalitarian states.

This unshakeable conviction is not the result of propaganda, because, as already mentioned, English propaganda is not very convincing.

But anybody who has considered the course of the war knows that in spite of the disappointments without number which it has so far brought on England, the Axis powers could only win it by successful occupation of England. But as long as the British Navy remains undefeated and the air over England is made untenable for the enemy, invasion is an undertaking to daunt even the most courageous and successful conqueror.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten.")

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SILENCE FOR PEOPLE IN BOMBED SHELTER

TO LISTEN FOR PEOPLE trapped in a bombed shelter rescue workers stopped operations and wardens halted people who were walking over the rubble near by.

For some time there was dead silence so that there should be no chance that any muffled voice could escape the listening rescuers.

The scene was a street in a South-East London area after the German vengeance-raid in which many London buildings were hit.

From the wrecked shelter five people had been saved, but others were known to be under the debris.

Contact was made with six of the trapped, and doctors had managed to administer morphia to three women.

In another area a high explo-

sive bomb severely damaged a block of flats, debris of which fell on to an air raid shelter.

Immediately workers got to work, but they had to climb over 15ft. high debris before they could get near enough to attempt a rescue.

They cleared a passage and heard the calls of two women.

It was known that besides the two alive there are sixteen others, (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

"SHOCK-PROOF" JACKET FOR RAIDS

Most of the civilian deaths due to German bombing in British cities, where individuals have not been directly struck or buried beneath wrecked buildings have been due to shock and most of the injuries have come from flying fragments of spent shrapnel and falling bricks and slates.

The shock injuries are the most difficult to deal with. Concussion of the bomb breaks down the walls of the blood vessels, letting the blood leak into the flesh. The remedy is blood transfusion, but search is being constantly made for new protective garments to absorb the shock. Some research work in this direction is done in New York.

One of the garments devised, which high medical authority believes will meet the case by protecting the more vulnerable organs, the lungs, head, stomach, liver and intestines, is a bomb-blast jacket of sponge rubber that slips on over the head and above ordinary garments. The rubber absorbs the shock and affords some protection from flying fragments that can be made absolute by slipping in beneath it thin plates of plastic material.

Fireproof Khaki

The bomb-blast jumper is reinforced by a cloak of fireproofed khaki, giving protection from incendiaries to the garments underneath.

The cloak has a hood completely covering the head, with slits for the eyes. It hangs loosely over the face, so there is no difficulty about breathing.

Equipped with jumper and cloak, a woman even in the flimsiest of evening attire can have immediate protection in case of a sudden air raid. These garments have been devised by a committee of American women sympathetic to Great Britain, with the aid of medical authorities and experts in plastic and fireproof materials. The group was brought together by Mrs. Frances Ruskin, wife of a New York medical specialist.

30 TOWNS HELP IN BERLIN FIRES

Fire brigades from thirty towns were called to put out the blaze when the R.A.F. recently bombed Berlin.

Berlin's reaction to the bombing is much greater than Londoners imagine, declares a neutral observer.

"Berliners," he said, "are terrified, and arrangements bordering on panic are made to evacuate more and more women and children daily."

but little hope was held out for them.

Heaviest Attack

The raid was "the heaviest attack on London, and the German radio boasted—

"The Fuehrer's promise that revenge would be exacted ten-fold has always been kept. Any malicious assault on great German cities will bring retaliation in the same manner," the German radio declared.

Repeating the threat, the German High Command communique declared the onslaught a reprisal for the "British air attack on residential quarters and cultural institutions."

Six enemy bombers were destroyed, three by fighters and three by A.A. fire. Almost before the sirens' last note died away one screamed earthwards and crashed in flames in the back garden of a house at Wimbledon.

Another fell near Kensington High Street.

Rome radio said the Germans used a H.E. bomb with a double effect—incendiary and high explosive.

AMAH WAS NOT TO BLAME



AT THE DOCTOR'S

"(THINKS) I WONDER WHY SHE IS SO TIRED AND IRRITABLE NOWADAYS. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING RADICALLY WRONG. I HAD BETTER TAKE HER TO THE DOCTOR."

"I FIND I AM SO TIRED, NERVOUS AND IRRITABLE NOWADAYS."

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SIX WEEKS LATER

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WAR EFFORT REDUCED TO SIMPLE TERMS

ON SOME SMALL, palm-studded island in the south seas to-day, there is a young Englishman speaking in earnest Malay to a group of wondering natives. He is telling them about the war in Europe.

To them it is a strange new story. They can't read and they have never heard of a radio set. They know only the ocean and the beach, the green jungle and the volcanoes. Listening now, they frown and purse their lips, in the hard labour of concentration, trying to picture a white man's war in an unimaginable world.

The foreign Tuan (master) reduces it to basic, primitive pattern. He speaks of food and fishing grounds. Those things, they understand. His own island, he says, is very small, but the people nearby across the sea want it. And so there is war. A native asks:

"If your island is small, Tuan, can you not take your people to another? There are many islands."

"Our hearts are there," the white man replies. "We were children there, and so were our fathers. Besides, we are proud. We do not flee from our enemies."

That, too, they can understand, and the reasons why the white man must defend his "rice fields." How does the war progress? The Englishman—his name is G. E. P. Collins—describes a blockade, many "prahus" (canoes) surrounding the enemy "island." Thus, he explains the enemy cannot come out to "fish," and the land will not feed all the people.

A Poser

"But have they no prahu to send against yours, Tuan?"

That's a poser. Should he try to describe a German submarine? They know about aeroplanes, because they have seen Dutch commercial liners, and naval patrol boats, soaring overhead. But a submarine—a "prahu" that sails under water? he decides that that's a little beyond the a-b-c, to which he must confine himself.

"They have too few prahu," he says. "And they are not skillful fighters on the sea."

The islanders nod in comprehension. But then, they want to know, how is there any fighting? He reminds them of the aeroplanes they have seen, and goes to work on the description of a bomb.

"It is like a big rock. But when it strikes the ground, it bursts and spreads fire. The pieces kill people. Each of these big rocks, when it bursts, is like a small 'goenoeng api' (an erupting volcano)."

There is a chorus of "tu illah, tu illah." It is an expression of surprise, wonderment.

"But, Tuan, the goenoeng api kills women and children, as well as fighting men. It is so with the big rocks?"

"Face Of A Chief"

He tells them it is so. They frown and murmur again. The Tuan's enemy is very cruel. They ask about his "chief," and he produces a large, coloured poster of Winston Churchill. At first, the bowler hat makes them laugh, and then they see the stubborn jaw-line, defiant lips, and the grey, thoughtful eyes. "He has the face of a chief."

G. E. P. Collins has been romancing around the Netherlands Indies in his own "prahu" for a number of years. When the war started, he went into the British consulate, in Batavia, to assist. Because of his experience with the islanders, he was sent among them to explain British war aims.

Even to these primitive people, remote from the possibility of helping Britain's war effort is extended.

"It's better to have them with us," says Collins, "even if the war never comes as far as the Pacific. If it does, they will be valuable."

CAPTAIN SMILED AND DIED

A British sea captain who guided survivors of his torpedoed ship in an open boat across the South Atlantic Ocean, died within sight of land.

"He died with a smile on his lips, saying, 'All's well,'" declared the senior officer, when thirty-nine survivors, torpedoed off the African coast, arrived at the Brazilian island of Curupú.

Four British and forty Indians died during the voyage, said the officer.

The day before forty other survivors from the same ship had reached Rio Norte, Brazil, after a voyage without food and water for thirteen days. There were six dead and several wounded in the boats.

"Twenty-three days ago we were shelled and sunk off the African coast by a German raider," said the officer.

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BRITISH WOMAN WITH SERB GUERRILLAS

An Englishwoman is to-day jolting over the Yugoslav countryside as a dispatch rider for the world's toughest organisation.

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WED IN FIRE RUINS

Bridal parties arriving at one of London's Anglican churches found it in ruins. It had been destroyed by incendiary bombs during the night.

The outer porch was cleared of wreckage, and here, amid still smoking ruins, with a small table bearing the marriage register and while firemen worked with the ladders and axes, the weddings were solemnised by a curate.

Guests at the weddings stood on the steps, only a handful of people finding accommodation in the porch.

The first couple were Mr. Arthur Ernest Oxford and Miss Georgina Ivy Wright, who wore white, and the second were Corporal Christopher Morrison, of the Canadian Forces, and Miss Helen Fowler.

Drawing Room Font

Earlier the vicar had said matins and called banns of marriage from the doorstep.

Two communion services were held in the drawing-room of the vicarage, with the intoning of the celebrant and the singing of the congregation accompanied on the vicar's piano.

Three baptisms later took place in the drawing-room, with a bowl on a wooden pedestal as a font.

During the fire, the vicar carried out the sacraments from the Lady Chapel, and with the aid of a curate and vergers, saved parochial records from the vestry.

WANTED TO KICK AND DID

POLICE-CONSTABLE JOSEPH KOLARS, OF MINNEAPOLIS, WAS STANDING AT THE STREET CORNER MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS WHEN HE SUDDENLY FELT A SHARP KICK ON THE SHINS.

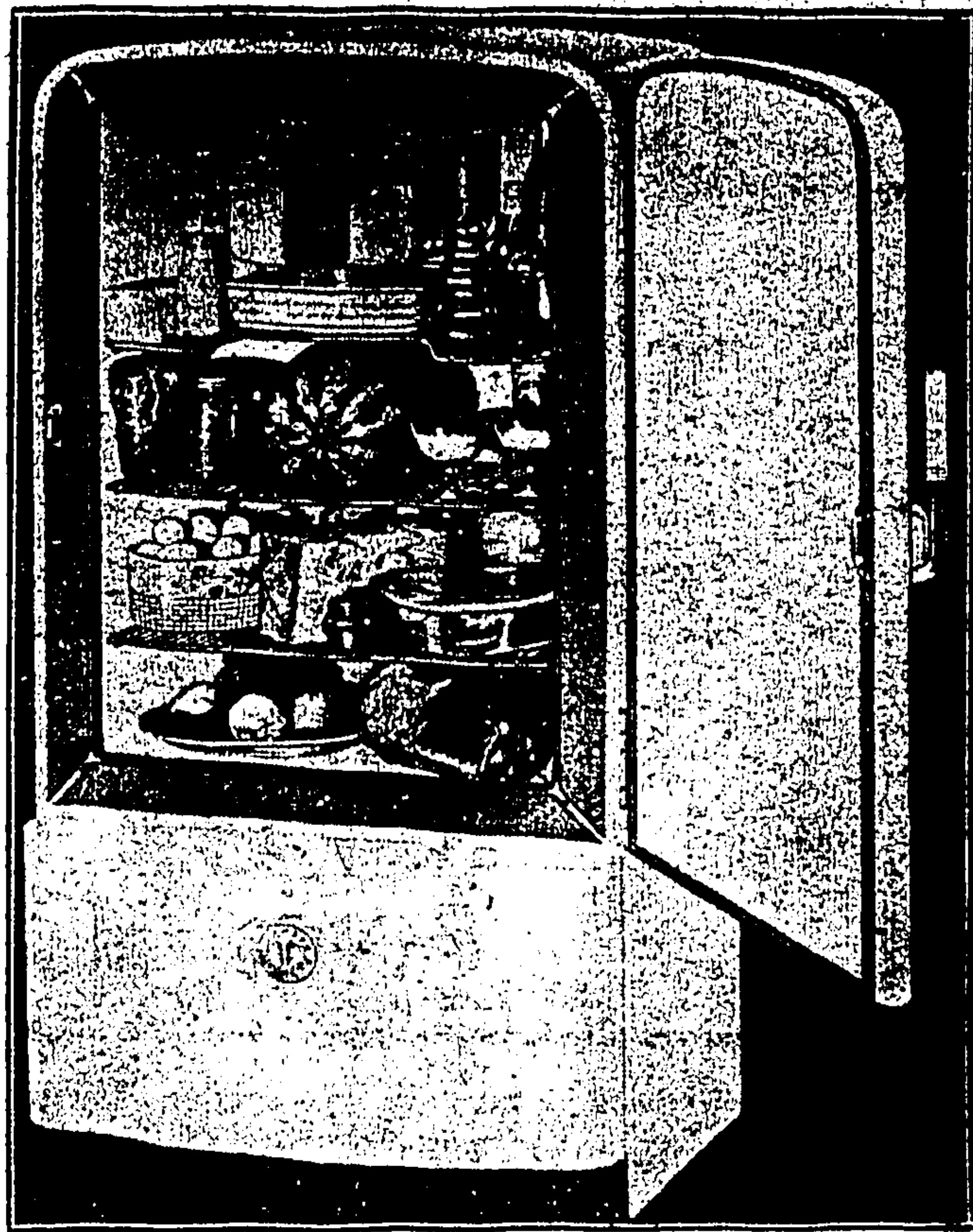
In front of him stood a woman, sweet and lovely aged about twenty-eight.

"What's the matter lady—are you drunk?" asked Kolars.

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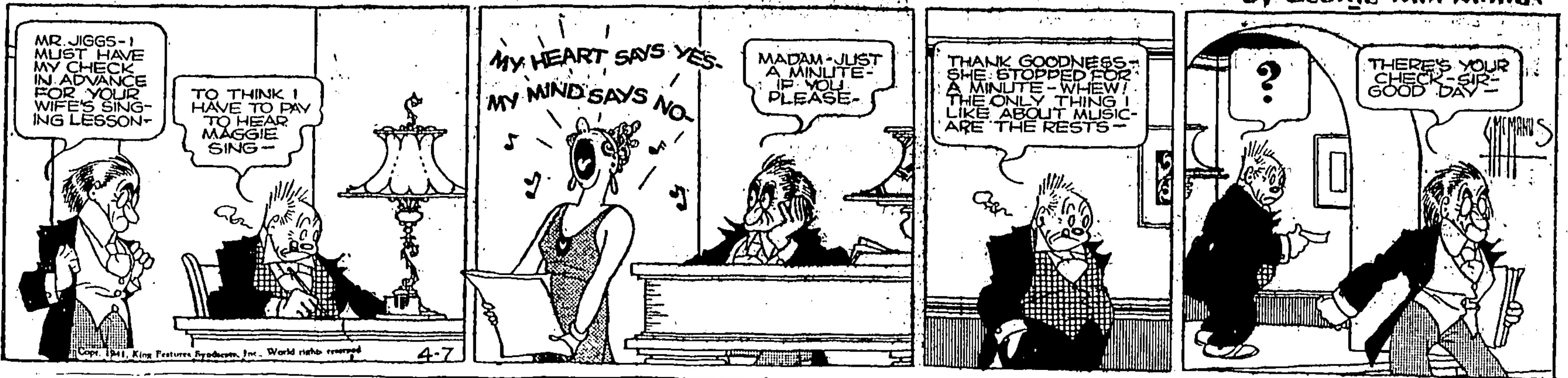
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The Hong Kong Committee British Prisoners of War Fund from its inception has been pursuing its investigations along three main lines.

- (1) To ascertain whether the British Red Cross could arrange to receive actual food shipments either in bulk or in parcels—or.
- (2) Whether it would be preferable to make them cash remittances.
- (3) As an alternative and with a view to getting into more direct contact with the Prisoners of War camps from here the Committee are also investigating the possibility of forwarding goods to Russia for redistribution to prisoners of War Camps in Germany either by Northern Ports or via the Persian Gulf.

As regards (1) and (2) we have received the following telegram from the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross in London in reply to a telegraphic enquiry from us:—

"Your offer send parcels Prisoners of War much appreciated stop Present procedure we despatch in bulk to International Redcross Geneva who redespach to all camps according to the numbers of prisoners in each thus ensuring equitable distribution to prisoners stop Personal parcels can only be sent by nextofkin quarterly stop Present system now working satisfactorily and steady flow to camps being maintained stop Consequently considered that you transfer funds here stop Writing fully airmail 330 Stanley Adam Redcross, London.

In view of this reply and in order that there should be no further delay, we have decided

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to make a first remittance of £350 out of the total amount of HK\$7,119 subscribed to date. (This has been made possible principally on account of a very generous gift of HK\$5,000 which we received from the Hong Kong Jockey Club). This remittance was sent by Telegraphic Transfer on the 13th June.

Regular Remittances

It is the intention of our Committee to endeavour to make regular remittances in this manner every month and to achieve this it would be a very great help to be able to count upon regular monthly subscriptions.

We feel sure it will be realised that Prisoners of War are entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions for anything beyond the absolute bare necessities of life. Butter, tea, sugar, etc., cigarettes, warm clothing, books and any other small comforts have to be provided by the Red Cross solely out of voluntary subscriptions.

As regards (3), in attempting to find means of sending parcels to Prisoners of War Camps direct from here through Russia, one member of our Committee was able to get in personal touch with Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow. His advice was that distribution from Moscow presents no difficulties provided we can deliver the goods. We are continuing to pursue our investigations on those lines.

Mention has been made in the Press of parcels to Prisoners of War being sent from Shanghai by letter-post via Siberia. This is quite correct. The Chinese Post Office in Shanghai, doubtless by International arrangement, will accept parcels free of all postal charges, of Tobacco, Cigarettes, properly packed tins of Food, Butter and so forth, Oxo Cubes and such like, provided no parcel exceeds 4 lb. in weight and provided the name, rank and prison number and the prison camp address of the recipient are clearly stated on the label.

Limited Scale

The Committee has investigated this method of sending supplies but it was found that they could only be sent on a very limited scale and to individuals. It was therefore not considered suitable for our purpose and there was also the danger of jeopardising the scheme if we attempted to send in large quantities. Any persons, however, wishing to take advantage of it individually can obtain full information from the President or Hon. Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society in Shanghai.

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be Patron of our Committee and that Major-General Grasset, Commodore Collinson and Group-Captain Horry have kindly consented to become Vice-Patrons.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Quilter—Children's Overture. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.15 p.m.—Constant Lambert—The Rio Grande. The Halle Orchestra (Solo Piano: Sir Hamilton Harty) with The St. Michael's Singers. Conducted by Constant Lambert.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Gerald and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—In A Little Toy Sailboat; Slow Fox-Trot—Small Fry (film "Sing, you Sinners"); Fox-Trot—The Lady on the Second Floor; Fox-Trot—The Same Old Story; Tango—Poema; Tango—Moonlight Kisses; Fox-Trot—Does Your Heart Beat?; Fox-Trot—You've Got Dust on your Coat; Waltz—I Paid for the Lie that I told You.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss Jones (from "All Clear"); Slow Fox-Trot—Get Out of Town... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Georgia's Gotta Moon; Rhythm in the Alphabet... The Six Swingers. Quickstep—Cheerio; Fox-Trot—All Over the Place... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Tangos—Olivadame; Callecita De Mi Novia. Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Jeepers Creepers (film "Going Places"); Mutiny in the Nursery (film "Going Places")... Paul Whiteman & his Swing Wing. Waltzes—Missouri Waltz; That Naughty Waltz... Victor Young & his Orchestra. Quickstep—Look for the Silver Lining... Victor Silvester & his Orch.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—For Me, For You (Towers & Arden); Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup (Anna Sosenko)... Hildegard with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & his Boy Friends. Comedian—Fairy (Frankau)... Ronald Frankau. Comedienne—Let's Have A Tiddley at the Milk Bar (Gay); Bang! Bang! Bang! (Carter-Thal)... Nellie Wallace with Orchestra. Piano & Vocal—Sweet Georgia Brown (Pinkard & Others); Indiana (MacDonald & Hanley)... Buck & Bubbles with Novelty Orch. Comedian—Every Evening's Nothing Like The Last (Frankau)... Ronald Frankau with Piano. Vocal—I'll Follow my Secret Heart (from "Conversation Piece")—Noel Coward)... Hildegard with Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.

"Me and My Girl"—Selection... with Vocal Chorus by The Rhythm Bros. Dixieland—Selection—Intro; Whistling Rufus; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River; The Wedding Gilt; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; I Want to be in Dixie... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. "Casanova"—Selection (Strauss—arr. Benatzky)... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. This England (A Selection of well known English tunes)... with Vocal Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

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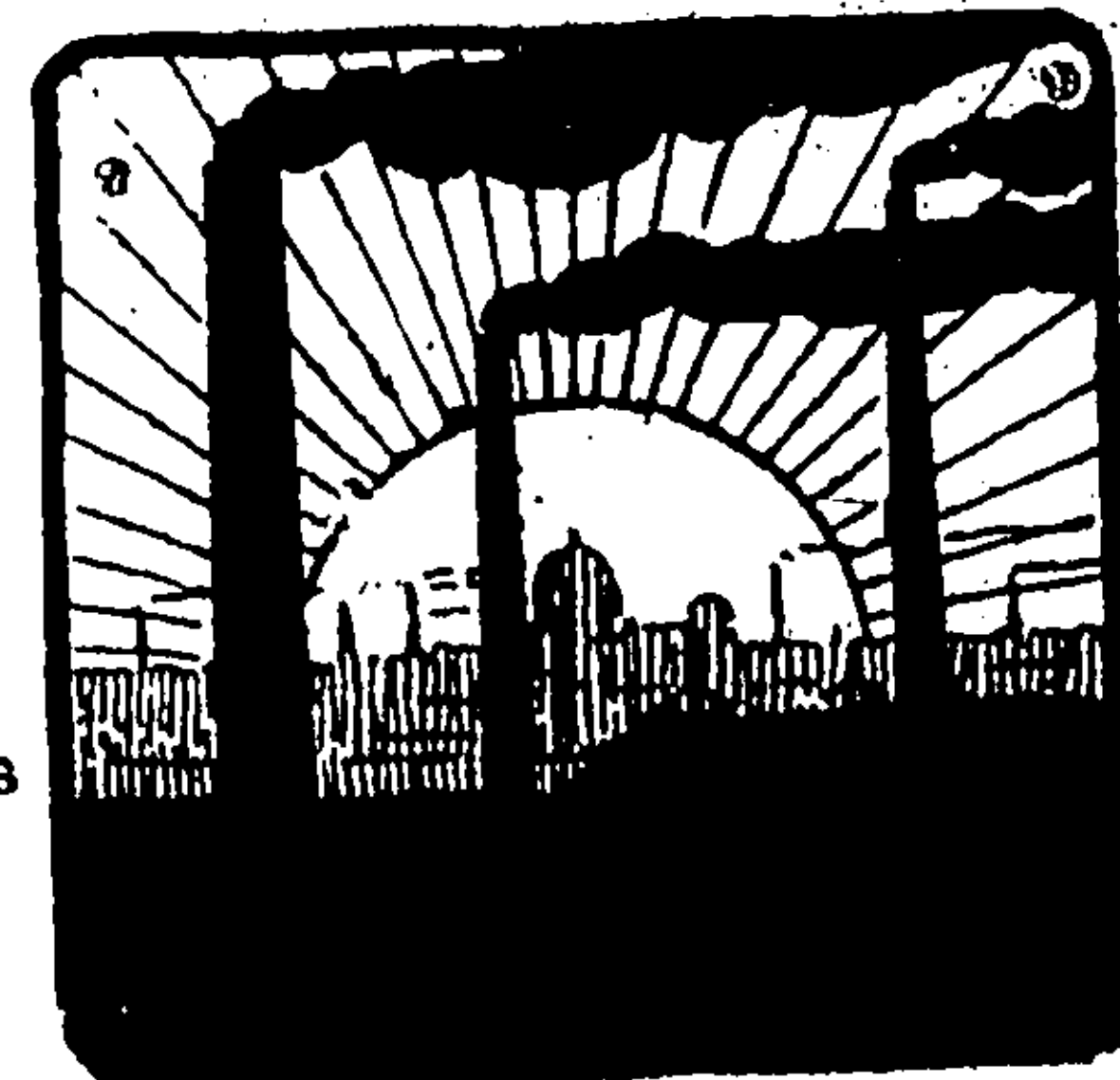
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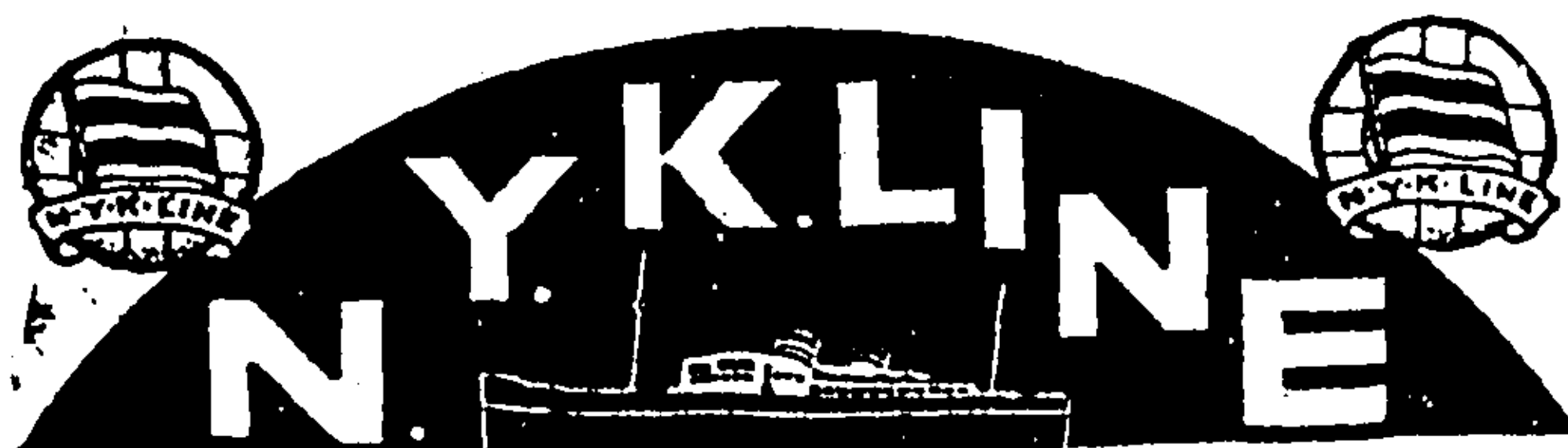
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Con moto—Un poco meno mosso... Busch Quartet and Reginald Kell (Clarinet).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Beethoven—Sonata in C Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 "Moonlight".

1st Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Presto agitato... Egon Petri (Piano).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—The Orchestra Raymonde and Tino Rossi (Tenor).

By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates); Chanson D'Amour (Suk)... Orchestre Raymonde. Tristesse (Chopin—arr. de Marbot); Pensee D'Automne (Massenet)... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Delibes in Vienna (arr. Walter)... Orchestre Ray-

monde. Si Vous L'avez Compris (Denza); Ideale (Tosti)... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Invitation to the Waltz (Weber—arr. Walter)... Polonaise Militaire (Chopin)... Orchestre Raymonde. "Les Pecheurs De Perles"—Romance De Nadir (Bizet); Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard, Silvestre & Capoul)... Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Berceuse (Jarnet)... Orchestre Raymonde. 11.00 p.m.—London Relay — O. M. Green's Newsletter. 11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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Recreio Champion Short Twice And Concedes Six

DALLAH AND LUZ IN GRIM DUEL AT LAST HEAD

By "Skip"

WHEN I READ A FORECAST BY A CONTEMPORARY IN THIS PAPER THAT THE INDIANS MIGHT WELL CAUSE AN UPSET AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS, I POOH-POOED THE IDEA, BUT MY FELLOW SCRIBE PROVED A BETTER JUDGE THAN I, FOR THE SOOKUNPOO (I ALMOST WROTE SOOKUN-POO POO!) MEN WON QUITE HANDSOMELY TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON.

In the only other First Division game Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" managed to beat Kowloon Cricket Club, due chiefly to a big win by Adam Holland against Teddy Fincher, whose rink seems to me to need some strengthening.

Craigengower were all over Club de Recreio in the only Second Division match played, winning by what I would call comfortable margins on all three rinks. Kowloon Tong, leaders in this division, had scored twice as many as Taikoo when "rain drove the players to shelter" as the cricketers call it.

This match, by the way, is the first to be affected by the new rule, passed at the Annual General Meeting of H.K.L.B.A., to the effect that "all unfinished games in which not more than 36 heads have been played in all shall be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or public holiday."

In Third Division Indians beat Club de Recreio, mainly as the result of Madar's 7 shots win over Mike Mendonça, although actually their victory was a clear cut one.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, present leaders in this division, won on two rinks against Hong Kong Cricket Club. Hughie Nish, who looked as if he was going to try to beat the record when he blanked Edgar Abraham for the

first five heads, could do little right subsequently.

All credit for the great I.R.C. win over the champions must go to "Abe" Abbas for his valiant—that's the word—effort against Carlos Silva, to whom he was down by six shots with only two heads to play. Excitement at this stage was intense as it was touch and go all round, Recreio having the barest of leads. Joe Luz planted his first wood right on top of the jack, and it looked like curtains to "Abe's" 100 per cent. record, the more so when Marques added another one.

Abbas had the position in rear on the back hand and Jackie Noronha, in trying to mix one, pilled in a third shot—and the head still looked nicely fixed for the Portuguese. But A. M. Rumjahn was not dismayed and came down with all the coolness of a veteran to draw first shot, though he tried to trail the kitty, a difficult shot with the objective obscured on a long head.

Rumjahn Again

Noronha forced this wood through and the sun shone over King's Park again. But only momentarily, for Rumjahn got up to his tricks again and with a perfect wood he trailed to his side's little cluster to count four. THE SKIP'S WOODS MAY WELL BE DESCRIBED AS TRAGIC AND TRIUMPHANT. FOR C. G. SILVA—OF ALL PEOPLE—WAS SHORT WITH BOTH OF HIS WOODS WHILST ABBAS, AS CALM AND CONCENTRATIVE AS EVER, ADDED TWO SHOTS TO CHALK UP SIX AND LEVEL THE SCORES.

Suffiad laid the foundation for a count of three at the last head, his first one being very close to the jack and more than one of the local's woods were short on a shortish head.

Xavier Excels

F. X. Silva soon established a useful lead against A. K. Minu, thanks largely to the excellent game of Leonardo Xavier at No. 1. Dick Alves back to No. 3 again, which I consider his proper place, incidentally, more than pulled his weight whilst "Spuggy" had the better of his opponent and fully deserved his win by 10 shots.

Team Of Heroes

But the most surprising result was Raoul Luz's trouncing at the hands of A. R. Dallah, whose team played like heroes, all down the line. The left-handed Khan and F. X. Soares had a good battle, and I thought the honours were even, but Yusuf completely out-classed Charlie Roza-Pereira, who was frequently short on a heavy green and must have nearly broken his skip's heart.

"Chico" Ribeiro was inclined to be thin, with the result that Raoul was always up against it. He strove hard, but he found his opponent in equally good form.

Great Bowling

When all was over but the shouting, at the last head, Ribeiro, with a good shot, sprung the jack to the tape about a yard from the ditch to lay one or two.

With his first wood Dallah lay very near the jack—perhaps a foot away at the most—whilst Luz was a shade narrow. Dallah repeated his shot precisely and to an audible "ooh"

"SKIP'S"

WELCOME RETURN

It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of "Skip" to these columns.

Recognised as the leading lawn bowls critic over the past six years, he will continue to give his comments every Friday.

LET WOOD SLIP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS A RATHER UNUSUAL INCIDENT DURING THE MATCH BETWEEN A. R. DALLAH AND R. F. LUZ AT CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY. WHETHER IT WAS THE STRAIN OF THE TENSE SITUATION OR WHETHER THE DAMPNESS AFFECTED HIS GRIP I DO NOT KNOW, BUT RAOUL LUZ LET A WOOD SLIP OUT OF HIS HAND AND IT ROLLED ONLY A FEW YARDS UP THE GREEN.

Dallah rightly claimed that it was a dead wood, but there seemed some doubt until U. M. Omar, who had witnessed a similar incident recently and had looked up the rule, put matters right. The rule reads "Any bowl which comes to rest within 15 yards of the front of the mat shall be counted dead and removed to the bank."

Laborious measuring with a five foot tape revealed that the offending bowl was only 36 feet up the green. So off it went.

A REVIEW OF THE FIRST BATCH OF OPEN RINKS MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 14.

the Portuguese skip missed the shot by the narrowest of margins. Great bowling by great bowlers.

Willie Walker Man Of The Match

The man of the match at Cox's Road was Willie Walker who turned out as No. 3 to Adam Holland in the absence of his regular right hand man, S. Randle.

In spite of playing with the handicap of an injured knee, he played an inspired game and could do nothing wrong, drawing and pound-on shots coming alike to him.

The two leads, Perry and Deacon, who took Walker's place, had a very even struggle and one was as good as the other. This did not apply to the second men, where Jack was not as good as his master! Mulcahy was not unnaturally outshone by his opponent, whilst Teddy Fincher struggled gamely against heavy odds and could not be blamed for the defeat as he saved time and again.

McKelvie On Top

Jock McKelvie beat Tommy Madar. That seems a terse statement but it is not far from the truth, for it was the Football Interporter's brilliance which turned the scales in his favour against the Cricket Interporter. HE WAS SUPERB AND DREW THE SHOT REPEATEDLY WHEN COX'S ROAD MEN WERE COUNTING TWO OR MORE. Most credit for these potential scores for K.C.C. was due to Norman Babbington, who was again in brilliant form—he has struck a great patch. Bertie Guest was the better of the leads early on, but Len Sykes began to get 'em up to the jack with regularity after the 12th end or thereabouts. Alec Hyde-Lay was second best to McKelvie in the rink and had the edge on Bill Parsons, whilst Drew was right off his game.

Lloyd's Promise

The most improved bowler in the K.C.C. team is undoubtedly "Peter" Lloyd, who played a fine game as lead for Joe Fraser, and the weight did not seem to worry him as much as it did his opponent. I hope it is not too obvious to say he always had the length! Ted Ramsay—another cricket Interporter—ascended to our plane and was all over Lockhart, with the result that Bert White had plenty to do. He did it well, Fraser, who was playing his last game before going on leave to a certain place on a certain ship, was in his best form against Alf Hall and deserved to win after being 12-3 down at one period.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

K.B.G.C. LED H.K.C.C. 22-3 AFTER 5 ENDS: ABRAHAM'S FINE WIN

By "Skip"

ONCE THEY HAD BECOME USED TO THE GREEN, CRAIGENGOWER NEVER HAD MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION MATCH AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO AND THEY EVENTUALLY RAN OUT WINNERS BY NEARLY 30 SHOTS, ALL RINKS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS FIVE POINTS WIN.

Herbert Randall, pitted against Corney Pereira, who had such a big win the previous week, was the biggest winner, and I hear Ward was in great form, and drawing to the jack with deadly accuracy.

Tommy Lock had an old club-mate in Jockey Soares as his opponent, and once he had the lead, after five heads, he never looked back. Bill Way, on the other hand, led from the start and, although he tied Oscar Remedios down to scoring at only six heads, he could not manage to win by more than nine, the same margin as Lock had.

H.K.C.C. Annihilation Not Sustained

Kowloon Bowling Green started off like the proverbial house on fire in their Third League game against Hong Kong Cricket Club and led 22-3 after only five heads: there was only one team in it up to then, and as I could not steel my nerves to witness the slaughter I went elsewhere. But the annihilation did not eventuate, after all. Hughie Nish, up 8-0 at this stage, "got stuck in 'mud'" and did not score for the next eight ends, while Abraham chalked up a dozen—and kept on adding them pretty well until they had the right side of a 21-13 score!

Deference to age almost makes me refer to Abraham's right hand man as Mr. Cox, but now that this very fit gentleman, who is by far the oldest player taking part in the League, has taken to the game, I am afraid he will have to be Percy! And let me say right away that when he got used to the green he played a splendid game and had the better of such an experienced player as Ted Searle. Langley began very well as lead to Nish, but tailed off somewhat, whilst Peter Morrison and Sir Atholl about shared the honours. Edgar Abraham proved too good for Hughie Nish generally.

The other two local rinks always held the upper hand, Hamilton's four playing consistently to win by well over a dozen. "Hammy" was in his

best form, a pretty push through shot securing him a four on one occasion, whilst he was often adding a shot or saving. MacKellar had more of the latter to do and he strove hard, drawing the second shot when his opponents lay at least five at one head. His best support came from his lead "Len" Ryan.

"Edgar" Wallis' four were better, man for man, than a win by half-a-dozen shots would appear to indicate, though "Doc" Valentine and "Jow" Cassidy as lead and skip for the visitors gave their opposite numbers something to worry about.

Indians Win On All Rinks

I have little information with regard to the match at Sookunpoo, the only one, incidentally to be played on the island.

Marcus Carvalho, after trailing all the way, secured a six at the 10th to lead by three, but he could not hold the advantage, the enemy coming back with eight in three heads to get home eventually by a brace.

Pietro Yvanovich started slowly against S. M. Rumjahn, but had jumped into a good lead by the half-way stage, only for the Indian to take back the five he had lost at the previous head and get his nose in front to win by a singleton.

Madar always had the edge on baseballer Mike Mendonça and won by over half a dozen.

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union will hold their first swimming gala of the season at Lanchow tomorrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the "Bomber Fund".

A friendly basketball match on roller-skates was played at Kowloon Skating Rink on Wednesday evening, when Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union defeated a team from Royal Scots by 36 points to 8.

The junior swimming class of Eastern Athletic Association started training recently at North Point under the coaching of Kwok Chun-hang, who won fame at the Melbourne Centenary Games.

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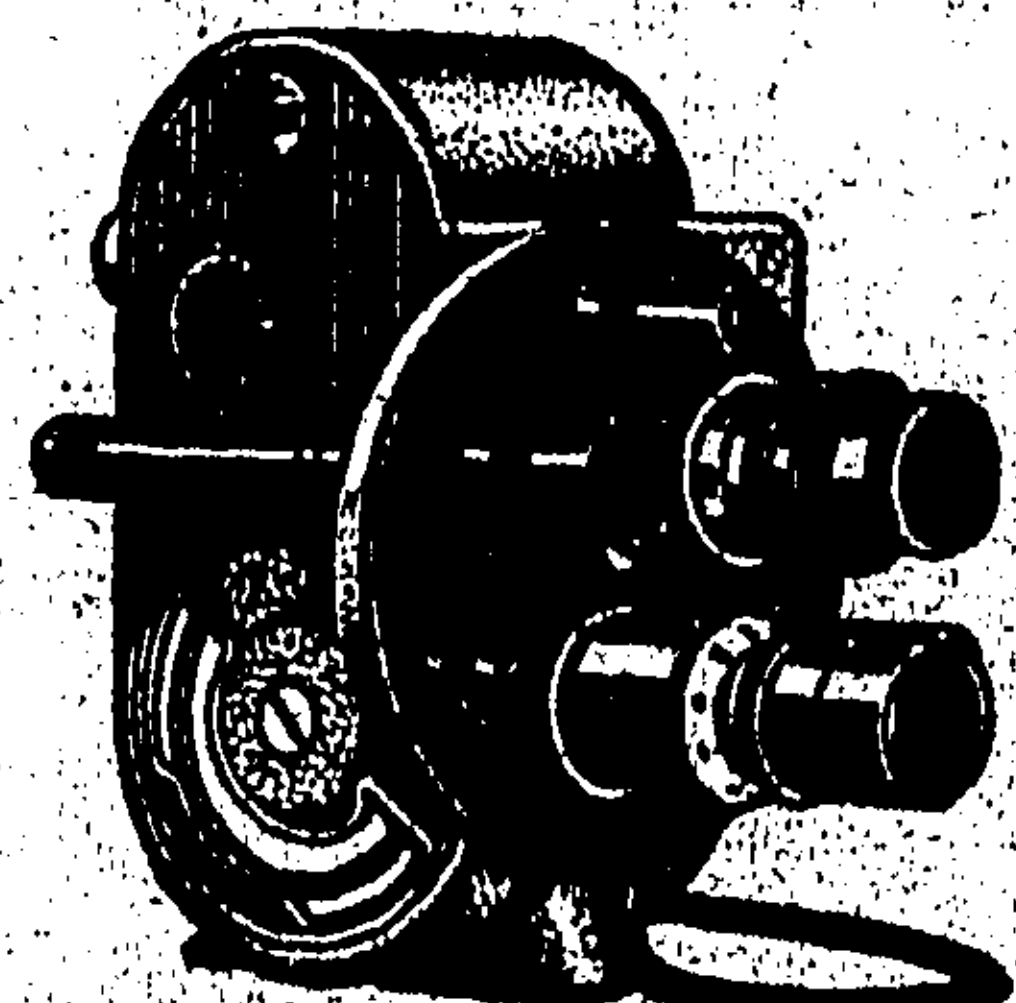
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EDDIE SOUZA'S POSSIBLE NO FLUKE

Holland Twice Short OMAR SLIGHTLY LUCKY AT VITAL 20TH

By "Skip"

IF WE OMIT EDDIE SOUZA'S "POSSIBLE" AGAINST ADAM HOLLAND, I THINK THE MOST NOTABLE FEATURE ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF COLONY RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, PLAYED ON SUNDAY, WAS THE NUMBER OF CLOSE FINISHES, NO FEWER THAN FOUR OUT OF THE 15 ENDING IN A ONE-SHOT MARGIN.

I was able to see parts of several of these games, thanks to a bye into the next round—and the use of a motor car! Souza's four's "possible" was a remarkable one when one considers the opposition was W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill, J. McKelvie and Holland, yet the big score was by no means a fluke.

His front men, Charlie Vas, and O. P. Remedios, had been through with their woods leaving the Austin Road men with two or three shots—but no back wood. McKelvie having failed to push one through into the desired position. **HOLLAND WAS SHORT WITH HIS FIRST WOOD AND BIG-HEARTED EDDIE TRAILED THE KITTY FOR A BOTTLE OF JOHN HAIG, AND WITH HOLLAND AGAIN SHORT (OH! ADAM!) HE MADE IT A BOTTLE FOR EACH OF THEM!**

But this was not quite enough to win, the Austin Road lads securing a good two at the last head to settle the issue by three shots. On an adjacent rink Alf Hall's four made mincemeat of a very cheery rink from Club de Recreio, a lead of 25-1 eventually bringing victory by nearly a score of shots.

Nothing To Enthuse Over

The fans turned out in plenty to see the epic struggle between Spuggy Silva's four and three Omars and a Bradbury, at Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Although there was some good bowling in parts it cannot be said that the standard was really high. Each player had his moments with the possible exception of Charlie Silva, who was not up to his usual high standard. In a lesser degree that also applies to Bradbury, who has often played better bowls.

"Spuggy" Silva saved on many occasions, whilst "U. M." was always dangerous, though I think he would concede that he was rather fortunate at the vital 20th head when a glancing shot brought him a couple when he had a lead of only a single shot.

A Talkoo rink, skipped by Jimmy Chalmers had the measure of Field's K.F.C. four throughout and appeared to win as they liked.

Over at Club de Recreio Ernie Kern, skipping the Lapsley family against "Brum" Simmonds, had a

hard fight all the way through and only just scraped home, the Civil Service rink scoring three at the last head when they needed only four for a tie.

A four from 2nd Battery skipped by George Sherriff trailed "Charlie" Thom's Kowloon Dock office four until the 17th head, but went ahead merrily thereafter. Tommy Carr and Bebbington were the backbone of the Gunners, whilst footballer Williamson played very well as lead against the former.

This Battery rink, I am given to understand, was entered as a direct result of last year's "China Mail Cup" competition. Most gratifying! At Kowloon Cricket Club Dick Alves had a fairly easy game against Gowlan of Prison Officers' Club, although the latter's rink fought gamely at the last four heads when facing a deficit of 16.

Rosario Falters

If Rosario could only have kept up the uncanny form which he showed for the first 10 heads or so, Teddy Fincher's rink would have had no further interest in the event. But he fell off badly and a six threequarters of the way through the game gave the K.C.C. men a useful lead which they just—and only just—managed to retain. Modi was consistent throughout for Randall, whilst Teddy Fincher proved the best of his side.

I am not going to pretend that I popped over to the island during the afternoon, but I have some reliable information on some of the games. But I'll be brief. In the Burling and Macfarlane match at the Police Club Kirman and Burling proved the best of their side and the rink did well to scrape home after being 11-2 to the bad. They went up to 19 before the opposition scored again.

4 Strange Men Win

"The Four Strange Men" had an easy game against Doc, Karanjia's Craigengower four with Ernest and Syd laying the foundation for the big win.

Joe Eastman was the star turn for Bill Simpson, whose other men, Walter Naef as lead and Tommy Fergusson, were both better than their opponents. The woods did not run very kindly for Rakusen's Civil Servants, of whom MacGowan was the most dependable.

A domestic battle at Craigengower resulted in a big win for Charlie Rosslet over Ward, Alf Coates, playing an excellent game as second man for the title holders.

The Substitute Oaks run at Newmarket yesterday resulted as follows:
8-1, Commotion (Harry Wragg) ... 1
100-8, Turkana (Evans) ... 2
4-7, Dancing Time (Perryman) ... 3
Won by 2 lengths; 3/4-length, 12 starters.—Reuter.

CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW

In the Civil Service League Bowls team for to-morrow Charlie Strange is replaced as skip by E. W. Simmonds, who will have W. H. Colledge, E. Kirman and M. E. Purvis as his front men. Strange's rink against the Indians comprised F. Harper, E. V. Ebbage and W. Burling.

In Rakusen's rink A. F. Shepherd replaces J. Carr as No. 2, while W. Burling plays No. 3 instead of M. E. Purvis.

J. F. McGowan retains P. D. Crawley and T. Seddon as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, but C. Strange goes to No. 3 instead of E. W. Simmonds.

One Rink Unchanged

In the Electric team there are no changes in E. de Rome's rink, but in J. F. Lunny's rink J. F. Barron has gone No. 1 in place of J. N. Way, with E. L. Groome and R. C. Butler as

Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, instead of W. Stonehouse and W. Stoker.

J. K. Sloan returns to the side as skip instead of R. C. Butler, who is No. 3 to Lunny. A. F. Tarbuck is lead to Sloan with C. E. Gahagan and A. F. Paul as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. Butler, who skipped last week had A. Owens, E. L. Groome and J. F. Barron as his front men.

Following are the teams:
H.K. ELECTRIC
Three Division (V. I.R.C. Home)
W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).
A. R. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
J. F. Barron, E. L. Groome, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (Skip).
C.S.C.C.

First Division (V. Recreio, "A", Away)
W. H. Colledge, E. Kirman, M. E. Purvis and E. W. Simmonds (Skip).
J. Gellatly, A. F. Shepherd, W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, T. Seddon, C. Strange and J. F. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves: J. R. Carr, H. McKay.



Taken on Sunday during the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship at Civil Service Cricket Club, where a Prison Officers' Club team under F. N. Hill ousted a strong four skipped by W. Mair by 17-16. In the picture, left to right, are J. S. Riddell, W. E. Webber, S. H. Marvin (bowling) and J. R. MacWalter beside him. In the background are J. C. Atkins, with a wood, and W. Higga.

CHAMPIONS WITHOUT RIBEIRO AND POSSIBLY CARLOS SILVA

J. F. V. RIBEIRO, RECREIO "A" LAWN BOWLER, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY FOR A WEEK AT LEAST AS HE IS SUFFERING FROM AN INJURED ARM.

Another Recreio player, Carlos Silva, who was taken ill during the Recreio "A"—I.R.C. match at King's Park last Saturday, is a doubtful starter this Saturday. He went to hospital for treatment on Monday and, though he has since returned to work, it is not at all certain whether he will be playing this week-end.

L. J. Silva, who has for many years played regularly for Recreio in First Division of the

Bowls League, is "official reserve" for their first and second teams this year, stepping into the side whenever there is a shortage. Silva decided on this course because, owing to increased Volunteer duties etc., he has little spare time and does not wish to be tied down every Saturday to bowls.

BASKETBALL

In the Inter-School Basketball League competition at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Pui Ching College beat Hing Chung Middle School by 41 points to 36, while Ying Wah Middle School conceded a walk-over to Ling Tung College.

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK-END LEAGUES MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 13.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BOON TO BOWLERS

By "Skip"

Although the introduction of daylight saving was not meant for the good of sportsmen, there is no doubt that they will benefit considerably by it. And most lawn bowlers are sportsmen! The extra hour of daylight will enable players in the Open Pairs to commence their games at 5.30, with an assurance that they will finish in normal conditions instead of the farcical ones which have obtained when games began at 5 p.m. (normal time), which was the earliest many players could get away from their offices.

The possibilities of playing League matches and rink games in the evenings is also opened up but the chief difficulty with regard to these would of course be Volunteer duties, especially in the case of League games, for it is highly improbable that all of 12 players—or rather 24 players—will be free on any given evening.

WATER-POLO

European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "C" 7-2 in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament in the Navy pool yesterday. P. Wilson (4), L. A. Benn, N. D. Booker and A. F. May scored for Y.M.C.A. and Rice and Sneezely replied for the sailors.

The unchecked Signals beat 5th A.A. 7-0 in a fast game, goalscorers being Dignan (5) and Hunt (2).

COTTAGE CLUB RIDE

The Cottage Club ride to Lin-mahang, which was postponed from last Saturday, will take place to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Rain again washed out yesterday's sports programme.



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[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

In the course of an interview on Wednesday Mr. L. R. Idefonso, president of Hong Kong Softball League, who is returning to Manila on transfer in the near future, asked particularly if it could be made known that he would be only too glad to be of any service to local clubs in any way in his native Philippine Islands. In this connection it is interesting to note that Victoria Recreation Club have already officially appointed him their representative in the P.I.

Idefonso first stepped on these shores on August 8, 1918 and ever since his arrival here has been connected with Filipino Club, of which he had been president on three different occasions. He has held every executive position in the club and has been, since 1918, a member of the committee. In 1928, in recognition of his services to the club, he was made a Life Member—the first to be thus honoured. It was largely through his efforts that the club were allotted their present site in King's Park.

From 1923 to 1928 he was manager of the Filipino baseball nine that took part in the local Baseball League, and in the 1926-27 season he was hon. treasurer of Hong Kong Baseball League. When softball was first introduced into the Colony, he gave players and officials alike all the encouragement they needed, and three times he was made president of H.K. Softball Association. As a mark of appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the game, he was presented with a wrist watch, suitably inscribed, at a dinner given in his honour at the Filipino Club on June 14, the present from the Club itself.

Interports With P. I.

Always ready to help in promoting sport between Hong Kong and his native Philippine Islands, Idefonso has been representative in the Colony of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation since 1920, and in this capacity has been responsible for arranging interport football matches between the two ports.

In 1933, when St. Joseph's became the first football team to visit Manila

EASTERN IN AUSTRALIA TILL AUGUST

The Eastern football team is expected to remain in Australia until the beginning of August before proceeding to New Zealand, according to word received in the Colony yesterday.

During their stay in Australia, they will play 11 more games, the next match being to-morrow and the last game is expected to be on Wednesday, August 2, against an all-Australia team.

It is also expected that, apart from these 11 arranged games, there may be several matches in aid of charity before they leave Australia.

ROYAL HUNT CUP SUBSTITUTE

The Vale of White Horse Hunt Cup, substitute for the Royal Hunt Cup, will be run at Newbury a week to-morrow and the acceptances, with their weights, are as follows: Ombré 9st. 7 lb., Prince Tetra 9st. 16, Bold Devil 9st. 1, Ruedelapax 9st. 1, Quarter-maire 9st. 1, Broguart 9st. 13, April-lason 9st. 13, Eurasian 9st. 11, Temarap 9st. 9, Gloaming 9st. 5, Jandica Inn 9st. 2, Pharis 9st. 2, Donaka 9st. 1, Wonerah 9st. 13, Mickie Bulger 9st. 13, Zaltor 9st. 13, Davy Doolittle 9st. 9, Nip-away 9st. 9, Melita 9st. 3, Jeppers 9st. 9, and Dean of Guild 9st. 12.—Reuter.



Mr. L. R. Idefonso.

from Hong Kong, and again in 1937, when Eastern and Royal Ulster Rifles sent teams to the P.I. Idefonso was the main worker behind the scenes and in 1936, when the Filipino Delegation passed through en route to Berlin for the World Olympiad, he made the arrangements for the swimming exhibitions at V.R.C., track and field events at Caroline Hill and basketball games at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

taking the form of a silver cigarette case, also suitably inscribed.

L.T.A. League Sec.

When Sing Tao Football Club were planning their recent visit to Manila, he was again approached to lend his valuable assistance.

He has been the Filipino Club representative on Softball Association and Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association for many years and is the present League Secretary of L.T.A.

Always ready to help and encourage, Mr. Idefonso's departure from the Colony will leave a gap in the ranks of "sports organisers" that will be indeed difficult to fill.

TWO CLUBS REJOIN H.K.C.A.A.F.

Two of the six clubs which withdrew from Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation have re-entered the Federation, and it is probable that two others will return to the fold. It was revealed at a meeting of the Federation last night.

It will be recalled that six clubs, South China, Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Miniature Football Association, Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Tai-ko Chinese Recreation Club withdrew from the Federation at the last annual meeting last June.

With the exception of South China and Chinese Recreation Club the others have re-joined or are to re-join the Federation.

It has been mainly through the efforts of Dr. C. T. Wang that these clubs reconsidered their decision.

TRYING TO POPULARISE BASEBALL

With a view to promoting baseball among Chinese youths in the Colony, Chung Wah Baseball Club have organised a special section to enable those interested to obtain baseball training.

Mr. Leung Foo-cho is the secretary of this section, which is to be known as the "Chinese Youths Baseball Team" and which has so far attracted 124 members. Training will start immediately after the closing of membership at the end of this month.

MIDDLESEX SKATERS BEATEN

Middlesex Regiment were defeated by the "Green and White" team by 30 points to 24 in the "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates) at Kowloon Skating Rink last night, after being led 13-11 at the interval. Winfield (8), Harrington (3), Blackburn (10) and Thornton (2) scored for Middlesex, while Lo Hau (3), Ko Chi (12), Lau Man (8) and Au Kam (2) scored for the winners.

CONN HAS ONLY SELF TO BLAME

Turning the tables with dramatic suddenness in the 13th round when looking the worse for wear, and when faced with his first defeat since 1936, Joe Louis snatched the world heavyweight championship from the brink of disaster by knocking out Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh and former world light-heavy-weight champion, on Wednesday night in New York.

Conn boxed beautifully throughout and had only to keep away from trouble for the remainder of the fight. Instead he made the elementary mistake of "mixing it" with such a devastating puncher as Joe Louis and paid the penalty.

Disregarding the shouts of advice from the ringside, Conn forsook all his previous successful boxing tactics and went into close quarters just when Joe Louis was alighting punches in sheer desperation, and almost from nowhere came the paralyzing right to the jaw,

RICKETTS RETAINS HUNGJAO GOLF TITLE

PLAYING UNDER TRYING WEATHER CONDITIONS, TONY RICKETTS RETAINED THE HUNGJAO GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RECENTLY WHEN HE DEFEATED T.S.M. TERRACE, THE SHANGHAI GOLF CHAMPION, BY 5 AND 3. AFTER BEING 2 DOWN IN THE MORNING, THE CITY CHAMPION FLASHED A STANDARD IN THE AFTERNOON THAT WOULD HAVE WILTED A PROFESSIONAL.

Ricketts was at the top of his form in the afternoon for he never lost a hole until the 13th, by which time he was 5 up. The match was full of thrills as the

travelling only a few inches, which Louis followed up by unleashing a fierce barrage of lefts and rights.

Conn, who had previously been treading the triumphant path, now looked a sorry sight, and with a stupid look on his dazed red face and with blood streaming from his right eye he sagged to the canvas to be counted out.

Conn conceded nearly two stone in weight and cleverly outboxed Louis after the first two rounds. Dangling lightly about the ring he presented a difficult target for the slow-moving Louis, being content to land occasionally with his telling blows or suddenly lashing out with a furious two-fisted attack.

His superiority was clearly marked by the 12th round and the entire crowd of 50,000 went delirious. Then came the dramatic turn which dashed Conn's hopes. It was Conn's own fault rather than Joe Louis' prowess.

players secured their share of birdies, while Terrace was unfortunate in being stymied on three occasions.

An exceptionally large crowd accompanied the finalists among them being Mr. A. H. George, H.B.M. Consul-General, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. F. S. Gibbins, the enthusiastic Club Captain, as well as Mrs. "Bully" Liddell, the Shanghai Ladies' Golf champion in 1923, since when she has confined her interest to riding and racing.

Ricketts' drives throughout the day were like rifle shots. Never before were his drives longer or straighter. Terrace's 72 in the morning and Ricketts' 70 in the afternoon were both magnificent efforts under the sweltering sun without a breath of wind.

Nearly U.S.\$2,000,000 is now the total of Joe Louis' ring earnings. He received \$184,404 for Wednesday's fight out of the nett receipts of \$388,012. Conn received \$77,202. The official attendance was 54,487 and the gross gate receipts \$451,743.—Reuter.

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CHAPLIN BANNED IN CHUNGKING

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Screening of "The Great Dictator" and "Pastr Hall" has been prohibited in Chungking.

No reason for the ban was given, but it is believed that it was the result of representations from the German Embassy. — Our Own Correspondent.

DESERT AIR PATROLS

Normal air patrols were carried out yesterday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the Western Desert, says an official R.A.F. communique.

British bombers also raided the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, one unidentified aircraft being destroyed on the ground at Gazala.

Enemy aircraft approached Malta on two occasions but owing to interception by British fighters, raids did not materialise. Instead, one Italian fighter was shot down and two others badly damaged.

From all these operations four British aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

Humourless Hun Makes Accusations

"MUCH INCRIMINATING evidence of offences on the part of American representatives," is contained in a German Note to the United States demanding the withdrawal of American consular staffs from Germany and German-occupied territory, said the official German news agency last night.

It says the German Foreign Office has "a mass of material on intrigues injurious to the State and the prohibited news service of American consulates."

The German news agency mentions a number of American consular officials by name.

Thus, it states that the Consul-General at Cologne, Mr. Alfred H. Kliefoth, "in the autumn of 1939 and the Spring of 1940, carried out espionage against Germany by using, in conjunction with the Belgian Consul-General in Cologne, a code for reports on the German march into Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg."

The Vice-Consul in Hamburg, Mr. Ralph Getzinger, is accused of "carrying out espionage in the Spring of 1941 against Germany by making sketches of the railway system and military installations near Hamburg."

It mentions charges of espionage on German troop movements in Norway, and anti-German propaganda by a former employee of the U.S. consulate in Oslo, Mr. Ivan Jacobsen.

Detrimental Remarks

Mr. Sydney Redekop, consul at Frankfurt-on-Main, is accused of having "delivered copies of anti-German propaganda and to have passed on information of military matters which were of a secret nature."

The Consul-General at Ostend, Mr. Nielsen, and the consul, Mr. Roy E. Bower, at Munich, "in January, 1940, showed their anti-German feelings by making detrimental remarks on Germany and the German Government in the hearing of German persons." — Reuter.

EIRE'S TEA SHORTAGE

Mr. Sean Lemass, Eire Supplies Minister, stated in the Dail yesterday that a central tax purchasing board had been established which was endeavouring to purchase tea direct from India.

The board had already purchased a quantity of tea in America and shipment of it was being arranged but as it was not sufficient to affect the ration, the purchase of a large quantity was being negotiated in India.

Mr. Lemass added the first cargo of wheat from America, via Lisbon, arrived in Dublin yesterday. — Reuter.

IMPORTANT LINK RESTORED

NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY RESTORED BETWEEN IRAQ AND PALESTINE VIA TRANS-JORDAN, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM JERUSALEM TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

Caravans of motor lorries are now running from Basra via Baghdad to Palestine, where they are transporting considerable quantities of goods which had been held up at the port of Basra during Raschid Ali's revolt. — Reuter.

THAILAND RATIFIES PEACE TREATY

The Thailand Assembly yesterday unanimously ratified the Thailand-Indo-China Peace Convention.

The Premier, thanking the House, expressed appreciation of the Japanese mediation in the frontier conflict, and stressed that Thailand would follow the time-honoured policy of friendship for all powers. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The condition of Lance-Corporal Hill, Middlesex Regiment, was this morning stated to have been improved. He was admitted to hospital yesterday afternoon following a head-on collision between a motor-cycle which he was driving and a motor-lorry in Saikung Road.

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COTTON AS BUILDING MATERIAL

A special building material being manufactured in the United States from surplus cotton was mentioned in the Commons by a questioner yesterday.

He suggested Britain might acquire some under the Lease and Lend Act to build houses to accommodate British workers or evacuated industries.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Haddock, replied that at present British resources were adequate to provide materials for such purposes.

He added, however, that enquiries are already being made regarding the experimental material in question.—Reuter.

ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON FORCES AT SOLLUM

The three-days battle at Sollum made enormous demands on the fighting forces, says the official German news agency.

"The temperature at noon averaged 139 degrees. The crews of tanks had to endure an even higher temperature." —Reuter.

DRASTIC NEW U.S. SURTAXES

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY DECIDED TENTATIVELY TO RECOMMEND DRASTIC INCREASES IN SURTAXES ON INDIVIDUAL INCOMES AND A TIGHTENING UP IN THE CORPORATION AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES IN ORDER TO RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$2,480,900,000 ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

The new individual income surtax schedule is said to more than double the tax bill of every taxpayer. — Reuter.

EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE NIGHT RAID ON GERMANY

STRONG FORCES of British bombers on Wednesday night attacked ports in north-west Germany and the naval base at Brest, where the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and a Hipper class cruiser are still berthed.

Despite variable and often cloudy weather, the British aircraft reached their objectives, says the Air Ministry news service.

Heavy bombs were seen to burst across the docks at Brest, and at Bremen large fires were started.

One pilot stated: "The weather was strange. The North Sea was hidden by haze and we could only just detect the German coast. It was queer to see A.A. shells bursting above it as if coming from nowhere. Despite all this obscurity there were occasional gaps through which we could check our approach to the river and docks at Bremen."

Steady Progress Towards Beirut

THE ALLIED TROOPS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY TO BE NEARING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, AND EVENTS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY TO THE ALLIES ON THE COAST, WHERE STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS BEIRUT.

While there is always the possibility that the Vichy troops may make a stand half way between Sidon and Beirut, it is hoped in Cairo that the Beirut-Damascus line will soon be in British hands.

This will leave Tripoli, Homs and Aleppo as the chief towns still held by Vichy.

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique said progress has again been made by the Allied forces in the coastal sector, while further important positions have been captured just south of Damascus.

In the central sector the Allied troops successfully recaptured Kueneltra, while strong Vichy forces in Merj Ayoun have now been surrounded, it announces.

Air Cooperation

The bombing of positions which were holding up the British troops near Damascus, was reported in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Combined forces of Australian and R.A.F. bombers, it says, attacked the positions.

At Beirut, shipping in the harbour was bombed, one very

near miss being made on a destroyer.

Two Vichy aircraft were shot down at Souedia, about 60 miles south by east of Damascus.—Reuter.

General Dentz Decides To Fight

BRITISH TROOPS WERE REPORTED BY THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO BE STILL PRESSING FROM THE SOUTH-WEST OF DAMASCUS AND HOLDING THE DAMASCUS ROAD RUNNING DUE SOUTH TO KISWE.

But they are stated to be meeting with artillery opposition in their attempts to press northwards from the slopes of Jebel Kahl.

In the coastal sector Australian cavalry patrols have reached Wadi Zeni, 16 miles south (Continued on Page 16.)

Collier Sunk By Aircraft

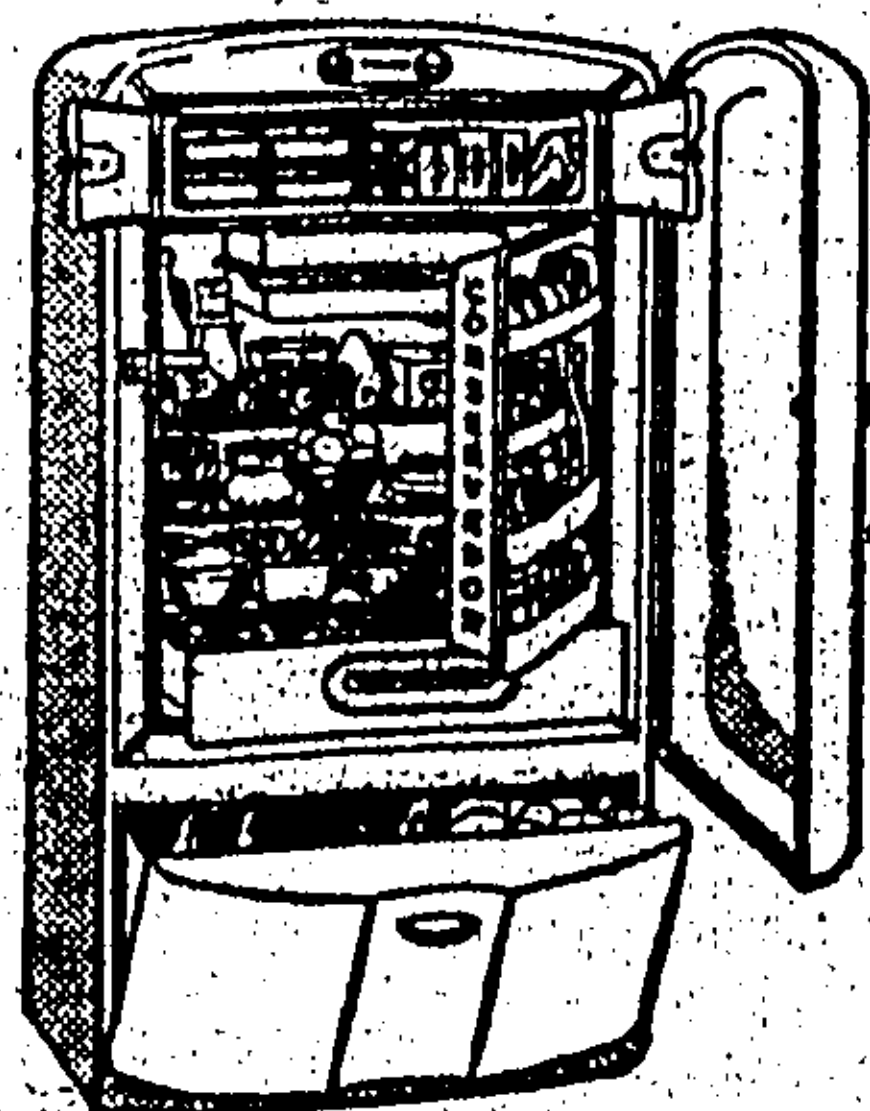
The British ship "Empire Warrior," from Newcastle with coals for Portugal, was sunk by aeroplanes some distance from Villa Real de San Antonio, close to the Spanish border.

The crew of 25, of whom two were wounded, were saved by a Portuguese destroyer and a fishingboat.

Members of the crew who arrived in Lisbon yesterday stated their convoy was attacked off Cape St. Vincent by a submarine.

A call for help was responded to by a British seaplane. The latter attacked the submarine which made off and was possibly sunk.—Reuter.

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WILL NEVER GO TO VIENNA

Turkish Attitude Towards German Agreement

Territorial Security Measure

"WE TURKS WILL NEVER GO TO VIENNA," IS THE STATEMENT HEARD ON ALL HANDS IN ANKARA FOLLOWING THE SIGNATURE OF THE GERMAN-TURKISH PACT, AND TURKS ARE ANXIOUS THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT TURKEY REMAINS A FRIEND ALSO OF BRITAIN.

In view of the present geographical and military situation, with German troops near her frontier, the new agreement has obvious advantages for Turkey.

Turkish policy is to remain non-belligerent and she has no aggressive intentions against anybody. On the other hand she had been nervous lest Germany might try to drive east across Turkey.

The new Pact removes this possibility in the immediate future and therefore, as it blocks one of the approaches to the Middle East, is held to be of value to Britain.

Considerable curiosity exists why Germany was so anxious to sign a Pact under any conditions, and some observers suggest she wants to assure that Turkey remains neutral in the event of a German attack on Russia.

The fact that the latest Tass agency statement on Soviet-German relations has been virtually ignored by the German press and radio, and persistent rumours that Hitler will shortly demand the return of Bessarabia to Rumania, as well as large economic concessions, lend weight to this suggestion.

Bolder Concentration

The Pact also removes yet another explanation for the presence of large German troop concentrations on the Russian frontiers.

Finally, the agreement may lead to some expansion of German-Turkish trade, though it is unlikely that the harvest will permit the export of cereals which the Germans need so badly.

It is, however, unlikely to remove the suspicion with which Germany has been viewed in Ankara, and the Turks know exactly what German promises and assurances mean.

The agreement will be used by Goebbels as a diplomatic triumph, to offset Axis reverses in the United States, but that Turkey remains faithful to her alliance with Britain is seen in the clear statement in the preamble, on which the Turks insisted, refusing to sign if the clause was not included.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY DENOTED

Turkey's attitude towards Britain and Germany following upon the new 10-year Pact of Friendship signed in Ankara between Germany and Turkey is explained in a leading article in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus," quoted by the Turkish radio.

The editor of the newspaper writes: "We are not renewing our friendship with Germany nor are we trying to repair the old friendship. There exists no direct discord between us and Germany."

"We will remain neutral in the complications centring around Turkey."

"We shall not be an instrument of aggression against our own ally, Britain, nor will Turkey act in a way incompatible with the friendship and confidence of Germany."

"This does not spell any change in our national policy. When Turkey concluded an alliance with Britain, we considered it our duty to prevent the spreading of war into our mutual zone of security—not to instigate its complications—and to defend the peaceful order of this zone."—Reuter.

SIR RONALD CAMPBELL HOME

The British Minister in Yugoslavia, Sir Ronald Campbell, who has been a prisoner in Italy for nearly five weeks, arrived in London last night, Reuter learns.

He left Italy about a week ago and arrived in London via Lisbon together with British consular officials and certain officers of the British Council.

Sir Ronald fell into the hands of the Italians when Italian troops occupied Herzegovina, in Dalmatia, on April 18.

The American Embassy in Rome worked hard in arranging with the Italian Government for the safe passage to England of the British Minister and those with him.—Reuter.

22 HOURS IN THE BOX

SIR DELVES BROUGHTON'S EVIDENCE LASTED FOR 22 HOURS IN THE TRIAL IN WHICH HE IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL.

Accused paid tribute to the kindness and consideration of the prison officials and fellow prisoners, saying: "I have received more genuine kindness and thought both from the prison officials and prisoners than I have ever received outside the goal."

Replying to his counsel, Sir Delves denied that he was ever irritable even under prison conditions.—Reuter.

M.P. FIRE FIGHTER HURT

Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, fifty-two-year-old, Conservative M.P. for South Portsmouth, was seriously injured while on duty in London with the fire brigade.

SOVIET SILENT ON TURCO-NAZI PACT

Moscow radio hitherto has made no comment on the new German-Turkish Pact.

Only mention of the Pact from the station was an incidental reference to it in a review of the news in English, in which it was stated that "amongst other items dealt with by the Soviet press were the war and the German-Turkish Pact." — Reuter.

Hitler's Reply To Ineunu

"Mutual confidence" is the keynote of telegrams exchanged between President Ineunu of Turkey and Hitler on the occasion of the conclusion of the German-Turkish Treaty.

President Ineunu's telegram, as published in Berlin, says the agreement "sets the seal to the true and sincere friendship between Turkey and Germany."

It says: "Our two countries and peoples on this day enter into an era of mutual confidence with the firm intent always to maintain it." Hitler in reply declared: "I also am certain that our two countries

BERLIN ON TURKISH TREATY

In Berlin the conclusion of the German-Turkish Treaty is regarded as meaning Turkey's inclusion in the political system of the Axis, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

In regard to the declaration in the Pact that earlier Turkish engagements are not affected, the correspondent says: "Political quarters in Berlin interpret this as meaning that if, contrary to expectations, the pact comes into conflict with earlier treaties, then naturally the most recent document will have preference."

The correspondent adds: "Despite Turkey's natural interest in Syria, it is stated in Berlin it is wrong to suppose the pact will affect military operations there, these being the affair of the French."

"Berlin does not think France will be obliged to seek German aid."

It is considered certain in Berlin, says the correspondent, that Turkey did not sign without consulting the Soviet.

"If the Soviet advised the Turks to sign, this is regarded as a good omen for a Russo-German settlement, which is expected to eventuate at the end of the present week."—Reuter.

ACCIDENT KILLS GENERAL

Major-General Cecil Malden has been killed in an accident while on active service.

now enter upon an era of lasting mutual confidence."

Telegrams were also exchanged between Dr. Sarajoglu and von Ribbentrop, the respective Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

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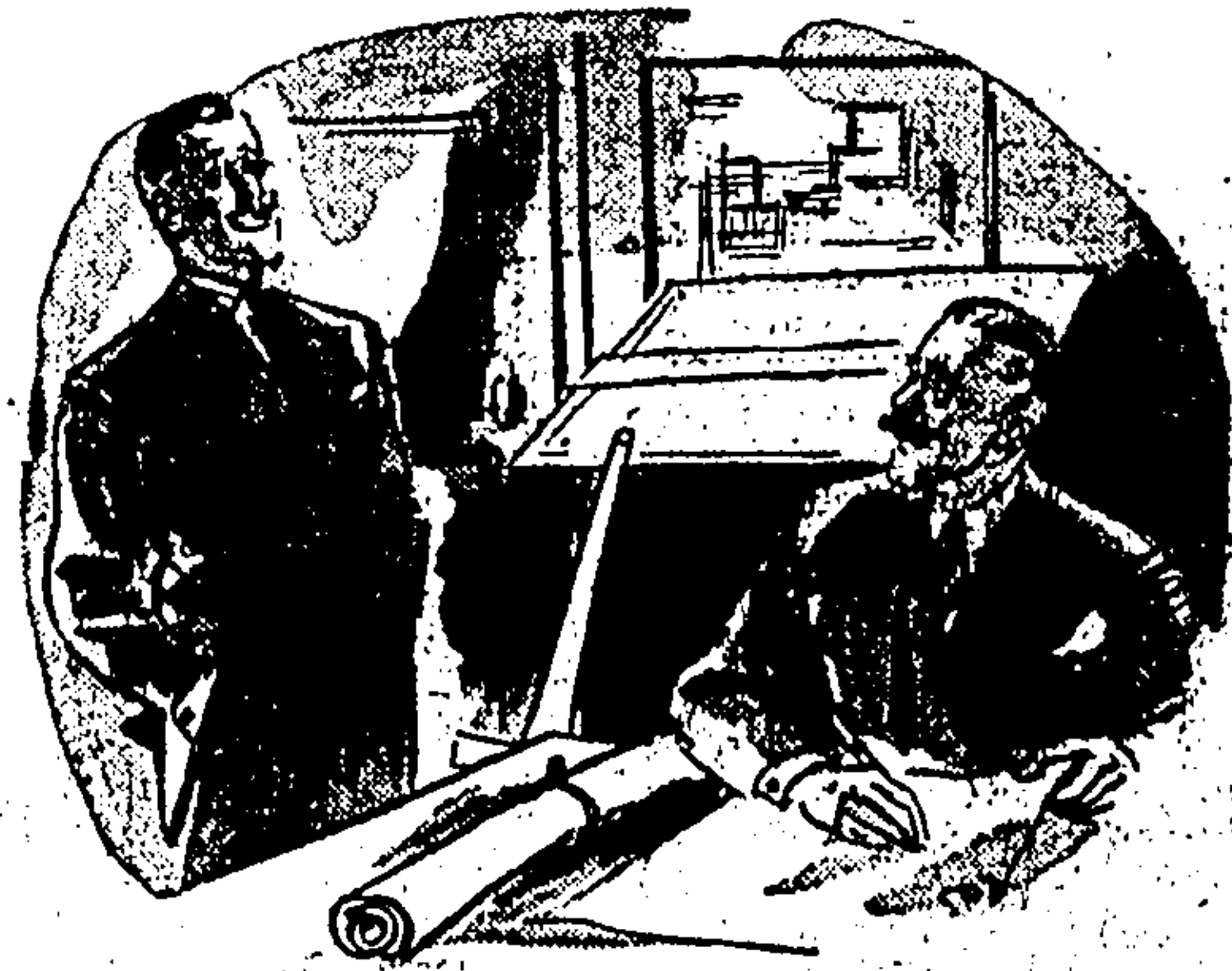
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"Flinty old fiddlesticks. Look here, David, what is biting you today?"

"Well — er — as a matter of fact I went to a party last night. The foaming beakers were knocked back with speed and precision. I had a whale of a time."

"H'm — you look fresh enough anyway."

"That is the climax of my story. Somebody gave me the tip about Glimlets. You know — Rose's Lime Juice being a therapeutic agent — anticipating hangovers — and so on. And it works!"

"H'm. Must make a note of that — Rose's Lime Juice. Confound it! I've written it on the plans for the new reservoir!"

Silence About Hess Raises Debate In The Commons

Mismanagement Charge Against Mr. Duff Cooper

"THE COMPLETE AND APPARENTLY DIRECTED SILENCE IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE ABOUT RUDOLF HESS," WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. SAMUEL SILVERMAN.

Mr. Silverman contended that if Lord Beaverbrook had taken a Spitfire and landed by parachute by Berchtesgaden, the Germans would have made much better use of the incident, being used to cause doubt and mystification in the minds of the German population, or of our own.

Mr. Silverman asked a direct question: "Did Hess bring a peace plan or not?" He also asked what Mr. Churchill had told the United States Government and what it was that the United States Government was entitled to know but this country was not entitled to know.

Mr. Richard Stokes, another Labour member, said the whole position was fraught with suppression in statements and perhaps untruths.

Mr. Stokes alluded to the statement by Sir Archibald Sinclair (the Air Minister) on May 22 that the Duke of Hamilton did not recognise Hess and had never met him.

Mr. Stokes emphasises he was making no imputation against the Duke of Hamilton and asked, why should the Duke not know Hess? But he charged Government with making incorrect statements.

Judas Iscariot

Mr. Vyvan Adams (Conservative) blamed Government for allowing the Germans to be first with the allegation that Hess was mad.

That theory, he said, was still widely entertained among the bewildered British public, whereas Hess was no more mad than Judas Iscariot or Satan.

Better than silence would have been our ruthless use of this gift from Hell but the Ministry of Information had made no more use of it than an oyster. Mr. Adams believed Hess came to Britain to say to the aristocracy: "Join us or we join Russia," hoping to trap that mentality who wanted peace at any cost.

Leave Nazis Guessing

Mr. Henry Strauss, also a Conservative, took a totally opposite view and argued that whatever assumption you take about the circumstances in which Hess left Germany, the advantages of leaving Germany guessing were overwhelming.

Mr. Strauss contended that Government's silence had led the Germans into a palpable lie and a fantastic contradiction by which they had lost prestige in every country in the world.

Government's reply was made by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, who declined to depart from Government's present policy of silence about Hess.

He declared there was no mystery or confusion about Hess "who is a prisoner of war and is being treated as such, and will continue to be so treated."

As An Officer

Mr. Silverman interposed to ask whether he was being treated as a civilian prisoner or as a Field-Marshal.

Mr. Butler said he was being treated as an officer perfectly fairly and rightly as a prisoner of war with all the attendant circumstances.

"IT IS NONSENSE TO SUGGEST THAT HESS IS AT CHEQUERS (THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE COUNTRY).

"Other conjectures as to the reasons for Hess coming here can be left to the imagination of individual members, and members have given full rein to their imagination to-day."

Mr. Butler said he would be unable to satisfy the curiosity for reasons of public interest.

On the point whether the Duke of Hamilton knew Hess, or whether correspondence had taken place before, Mr. Butler said he had nothing to add to Sir Archibald Sinclair's statement on May 22.

Substantial Point

There was a substantial point as to why, if the American Government was informed, British public opinion should not be informed as well.

There had been endless diplomatic exchanges between Britain and other countries throughout the war and "it has been a source of sorrow that I have not been in a position to divulge them to Parliament."

"The British public should share as far as possible the inner thoughts of Government but in this case we do not believe we have anything to say which would make for an improved effort of the public and we do not believe that by not saying anything we are in any way upsetting public morale."

Tough Job

Dealing with points of general policy raised in the debate, Mr. Butler declared it was Government's desire to avoid making idealistic statements about the future which might not be realised.

"We are in the middle of a tough job and are determined to see it through."

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ITALIAN STEAMER TAKEN OVER

The U.S. Maritime Commission announced yesterday they have taken formal possession of Savannah (Ga) of the a.s. Clara, first of the 28 Italian ships in United States waters, according to a *Reuter* message from Washington.

BLACK-OUT IN AUGUST

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING AT A.R.P. HEAD-QUARTERS THAT THE FORTH-COMING BLACK-OUT EXERCISE WILL NOW BE STAGED IN THE LAST WEEK OF NEXT MONTH.

The Exercise, scheduled to take place in the first week of next month, is dependent on the manufacture of sufficient electric bulbs of a certain type. These, it is expected, will be available soon.

VOLUNTEERS FOR A.R.P. TUNNELS WANTED

AN APPEAL FOR 1,500 volunteers for service in the A.R.P. Tunnels has been issued by the Director of A.R.P., Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, who stated this morning:—

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"These volunteers would be required to undergo a short course and will be enrolled, for the purposes of discipline and pay, in the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens."

Applications to join this new organisation which is to be called the A.R.P. Tunnel Service may be forwarded to the D.A.R.P., A.R.P. Headquarters, Happy Valley.

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WOMEN IN THE WAR EFFORT

Mrs. John Winant, wife of the American Ambassador, was guest of honour at a Forum Club Lunch in London yesterday at which Princess Marie Louise, President of the Club, presided.

In an address to members Mrs. Winant said she wished to express her sense of "the magnificence of the response of English women" to conditions existing under the "blitz."

She paid a high tribute to the work women were doing in all spheres of activity, especially regarding the ceaseless day to day hard work in occupations which were now advanced far beyond any interest of novelty and had become an absolutely essential part of the nation's war effort.—*British Wireless.*

FREEZING ORDER EXEMPTION NEGOTIATIONS

The U.S. Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced at his press conference yesterday that conversations have been inaugurated with the representatives of Portugal, Russia, Finland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, to exempt those nations from President Roosevelt's freezing order.—*Reuter.*

CLEAN-UP CONTINUES

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo says that in Abyssinia, while Patriot forces are steadily increasing their pressure on the Italian garrison in the Gondar district, British troops are continuing the advance on Debra Tabor.

In the southern areas, operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The communique adds that in Libya there is nothing of importance to report.—*Reuter.*

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The ceremony took place at a special Convocation of Oxford at the Harvard graduation ceremonies, at which Lord Halifax himself received Harvard's honorary degree of Doctorate of Laws.

President Roosevelt was unable to attend owing to official business at Washington, and Brigadier-General Edwin Watson, his military aide-de-camp, represented him.

Only once or twice has the Convocation occurred outside Oxford's walls, and it is believed to be unprecedented for the Chancellor himself to preside personally at such a ceremony.

Lord Halifax wore the black and gold robes of state as Chancellor for the ceremony, which conformed as closely as possible to the Oxford tradition.

Forty members of Oxford University were present at Harvard for the occasion, including four Oxford delegates, one of whom was Sir Arthur Salter.

Stand For Liberty

The degree was conferred "in token of our deep respect for his exalted station and in lively recollection of his stand for liberty and his steadfast championship of humanity and law."

Lord Halifax read the lengthy diploma stating that whereas President Roosevelt "has at all times been in the fight for peace, justice and freedom, and to-day has not only heartened the defenders of liberty by his lofty and inspiring eloquence but has brought, and in an ever-increasing measure, is still bringing the material help required to secure the final defeat of lawlessness and aggression."

New Symbol

President Roosevelt, responding by proxy through Brigadier-General Watson, declared: "All the world can be enriched by the new symbol which supports truth and the search for truth."

"In days like these, therefore, we rejoice that this special Convocation, in breaking all historical precedent, does so in the great cause of preserving the free learning and civil liberties which have grown, stone upon stone, in our lands through centuries."

"That is why I am proud to be permitted to have a part," President Roosevelt's message proceeded: "There have been other symbols throughout the years and in the present."

After this the message quoted extracts from statements by Mr. John Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, who in a recent special interview said the bomb hits on Westminster Abbey and the House of Commons "seemed to me to

symbolise the objectives of the dictator and pagan."

Lincoln Statue

President Roosevelt then quoted Mr. Winant's statements on observing the statue of Abraham Lincoln standing near the wreckage: "And, as an American, I was proud to be there in all that wreckage as a friend and sentinel of gallant days that have gone by and a reminder that in this great battle for freedom he waited patiently for support for those things for which he lived and died."

To this President Roosevelt added: "We, too, are born to freedom and, believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom."

"We and all others who believe as deeply as we do would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."—Reuter.

AGAKI MURDER CHARGES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE AGAKI ASSASSINATION, ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE MILITARY IN SHANGHAI, HAVE BROUGHT TO LIGHT EXTENSIVE PLANS BY SO-CALLED "BLUE SHIRT" TERRORISTS IN SHANGHAI TO KILL HIGH JAPANESE OFFICIALS AND LEADERS.

The Japanese press reports that measures are being devised by the Japanese consulate, army and navy to "protect the lives and property of Japanese nationals in Shanghai and will be promulgated shortly."—International News Service.

PETROL RATIONING FOR U.S.?

A call to the United States' \$12,000,000,000 oil industry to unite with the Government, in order that "our efforts to defend Democracy may not be hampered by any breakdown in the flow of essential petroleum products," was made by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, yesterday.

Mr. Ickes, who is also Petroleum Co-ordinator, was addressing an emergency meeting of petroleum executives representing two-thirds of the world's output.

He later told the press that the ration card system for use in the Eastern United States was "one of the things under consideration" if rigid restrictions on petroleum were made necessary by the expected oil shortage.

Mr. Ickes declared he did not think a single drop of oil should be shipped to anywhere from the Atlantic seaboard.

Asked whether he included Britain, Mr. Ickes replied he meant that all cargoes would be examined by the Government before shipment, but he emphasised that Britain's supply was coming direct from the producing areas and not from the Eastern seaboard area.—Reuter.

AUTOMATIC GUN PRODUCTION

Sir Peter Bennet, M.P., has been appointed Chairman of the Automatic Gun Board, which will co-ordinate production for and on behalf of all Ministries concerned.

In consequence of his new appointment he has resigned his position as Director-General of the Emergency Service Organisation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.—British Wireless.

CONDITION OF L/CPL. IMPROVED

The condition of Lance-Corporal Hill, Middlesex Regiment, was this morning stated to have been improved. He was admitted to hospital yesterday afternoon following a head-on collision between a motor-cycle which he was driving and a motor-lorry in Saikung Road.

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FIRMER CONTROL OF PRICES IN BRITAIN

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S comprehensive policy which it is planned to extend over the whole financial, industrial, commercial and social activities of the country, was explained in the Commons yesterday by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, in presenting a Bill for the control of prices for goods and services.

General object of the policy is to assist the diversion of production and productive capacity to war purposes while keeping down the costs of the necessities of life.

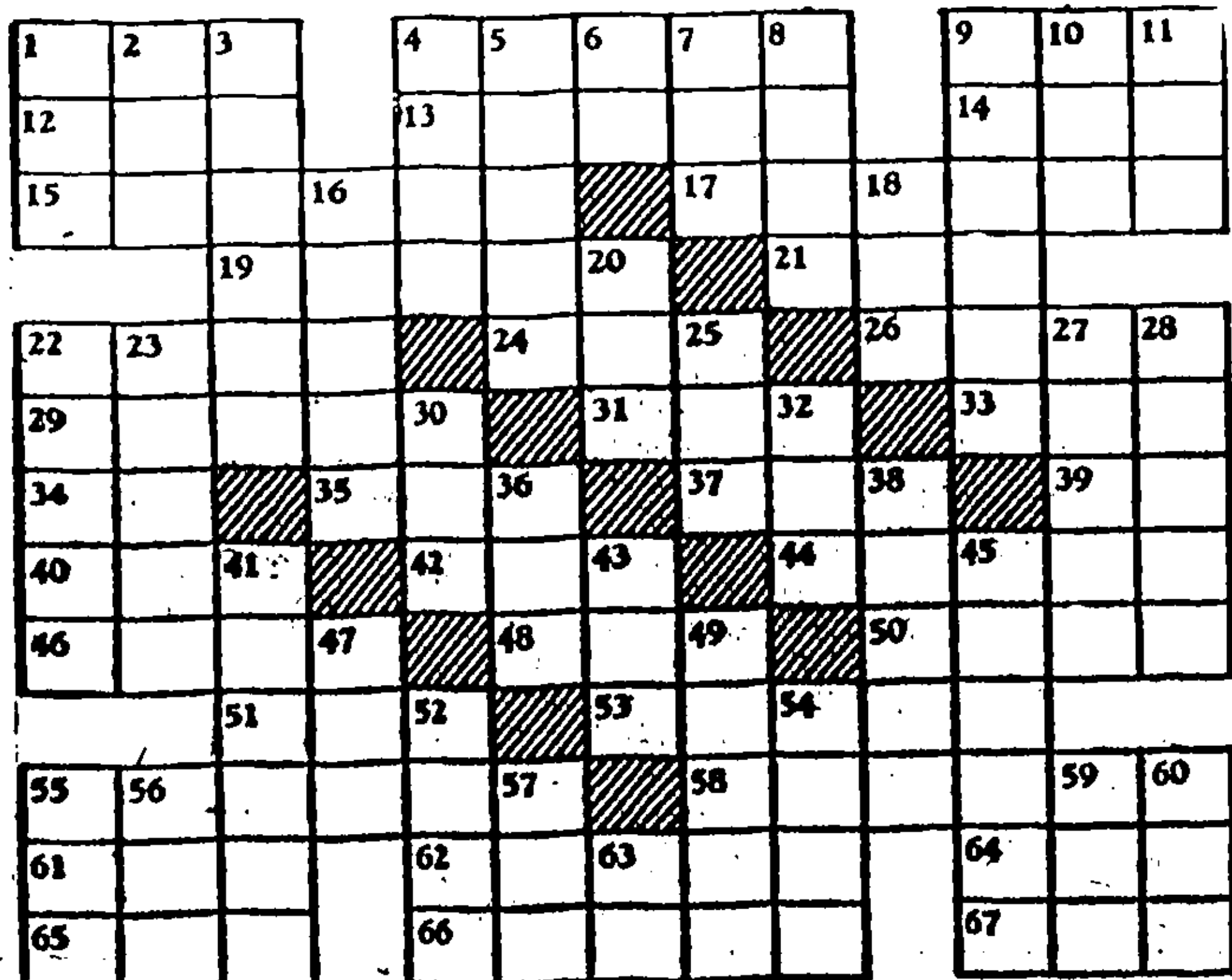
Industrially this is secured by Government control of prices and distribution of raw materials and by rationing food and clothing.

Mr. Lyttleton declared that prevention of any further increase of wages can only be effected by maintaining the purchasing power of money or ensuring that the cost of a reasonable quantity of essential commodities is kept reasonably

steady. Contributions to this end are made by the Chancellor's policy of mobilising extra purchasing power, by voluntary and involuntary saving, and high taxation, and also by rationing.

Some rise in prices may occur owing to the actual increase in costs due to the war, such as the extra cost of ocean freight insurance and so forth.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 River in Prussia
- 4 To excite
- 9 Opening
- 12 To place
- 13 Report
- 14 Frozen water
- 15 Enigmatic
- 17 To steal
- 19 Unspoken
- 21 Negative
- 22 Journey
- 24 Dutch weight
- 26 To unite, as metal
- 29 Residences
- 31 College cheer
- 33 To fade away
- 34 Four
- 35 Insect egg
- 37 To strike
- 39 Brother of Odin
- 40 Exultant
- 42 Dance step
- 44 Palatable
- 46 Malayan dagger
- 48 Gamn
- 50 Measure of length (pl.)
- 51 To scold

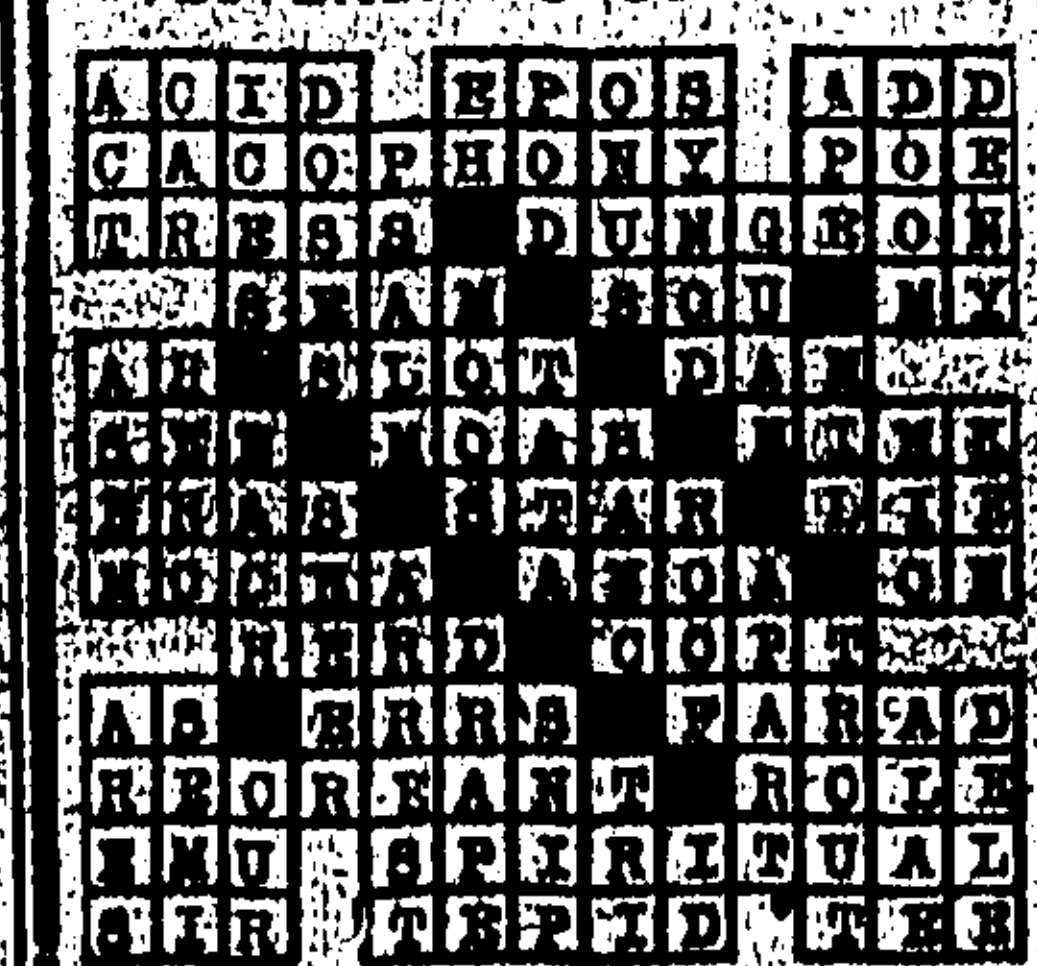
VERTICAL

- 1 Shade tree
- 2 Month
- 3 Organised whole
- 4 Scandinavian navigator
- 5 Girl's name
- 6 Part of "to be"
- 7 Summit
- 8 Eire
- 9 Talented

10 Aviator

- 11 By
- 16 Seized
- 18 Base
- 20 Sticky substance
- 22 To ponder
- 23 Wanderer
- 25 To disfigure
- 27 Black and blue
- 28 Noteworthy acts
- 30 To taste
- 32 Owns
- 36 To make lace
- 38 Separates
- 41 Having definable limits
- 43 Pleasant juice
- 45 Armed bands
- 47 To droop
- 49 Alluvial deposit
- 52 Mountain pass
- 54 Chair
- 56 Hawaiian dish
- 58 Legendary English king
- 59 Crazy hill
- 60 To be obliged to
- 61 By birth
- 63 Note of scale

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



3,000 NEW A.R.P. WARDENS WANTED

A.R.P. recruiting offices have been re-opened in the Colony with the object of enrolling 3,000 new wardens who are needed to bring the Corps up to its required strength.

During the last three weeks, some 500 new recruits have signed up.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The Archbishops of York and Canterbury both spoke at the Church Assembly yesterday on the need for Christian education at schools.

A resolution was passed "that this House, convinced of the need of true Christian education in all schools of the country and gratefully recognising the work of teachers in all classes of schools, gives general approval to the statement recently issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Wales and strongly urges that with the cooperation of various Christian communities, of the education authorities, of parents, of teachers and Christian citizens generally, speedy effect may be given to the five points therein contained."

The Archbishop of Canterbury after the passing of the resolution, said he would now take a representative deputation of the Church of England and the Free Churches to the Board of Education, if possible before Parliament adjourned.—British Wireless.

RUSSIAN UNCERTAINTIES

The London Stock Exchange was quieter yesterday, the Russian uncertainties exercising a restraining influence, but prices generally were maintained and the undertone remains firm. Among industrials, iron and steels continued upward and Cable and Wireless ordinary were strong at 62-1/2 against 60-3/4 on publication of the 1940 results. Kaffirs encountered profit-taking but rallied towards the close. Diamonds tended easier while Home Rails met continued demand and were quoted at 12 against 11-1/8. Wall Street was cautious.—Reuter.

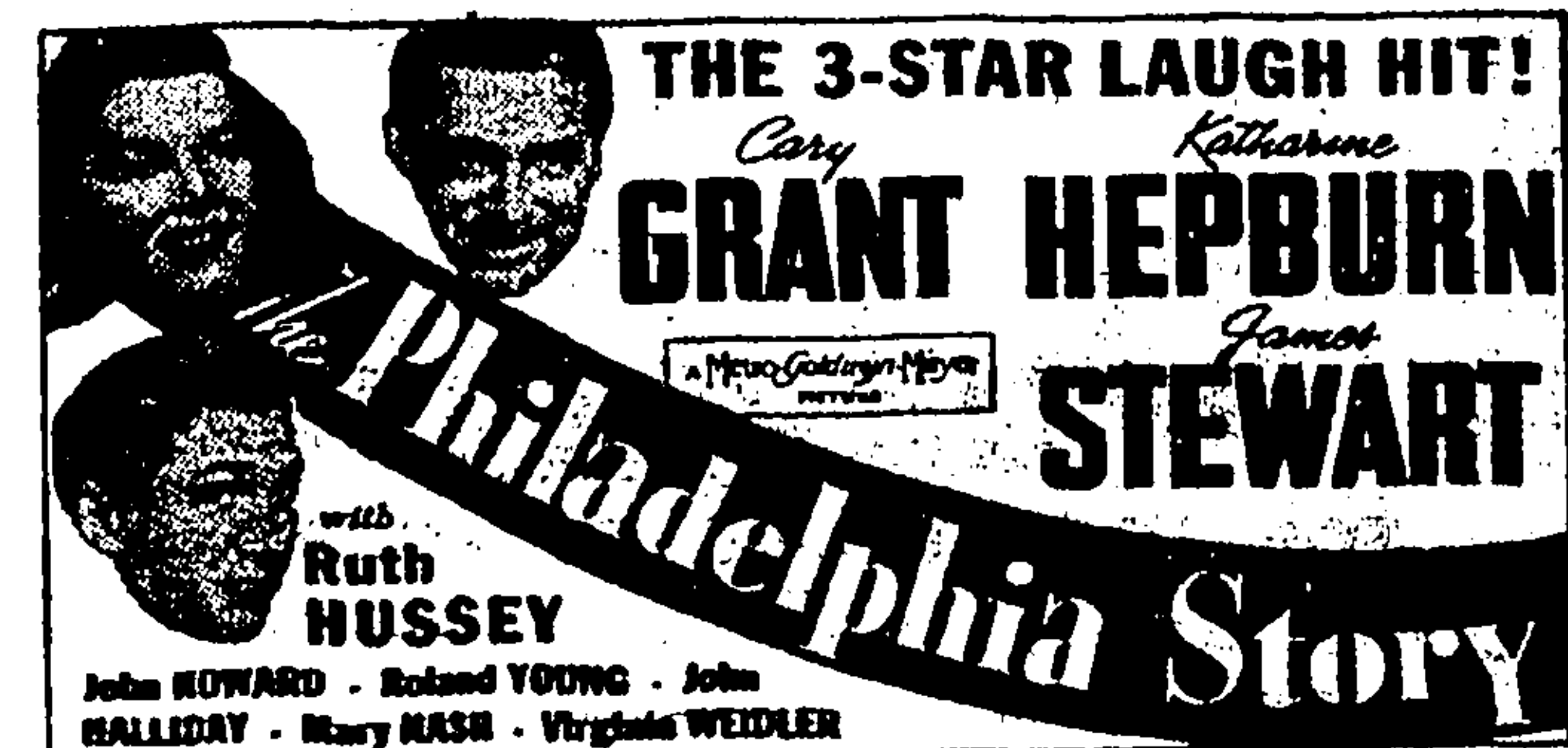
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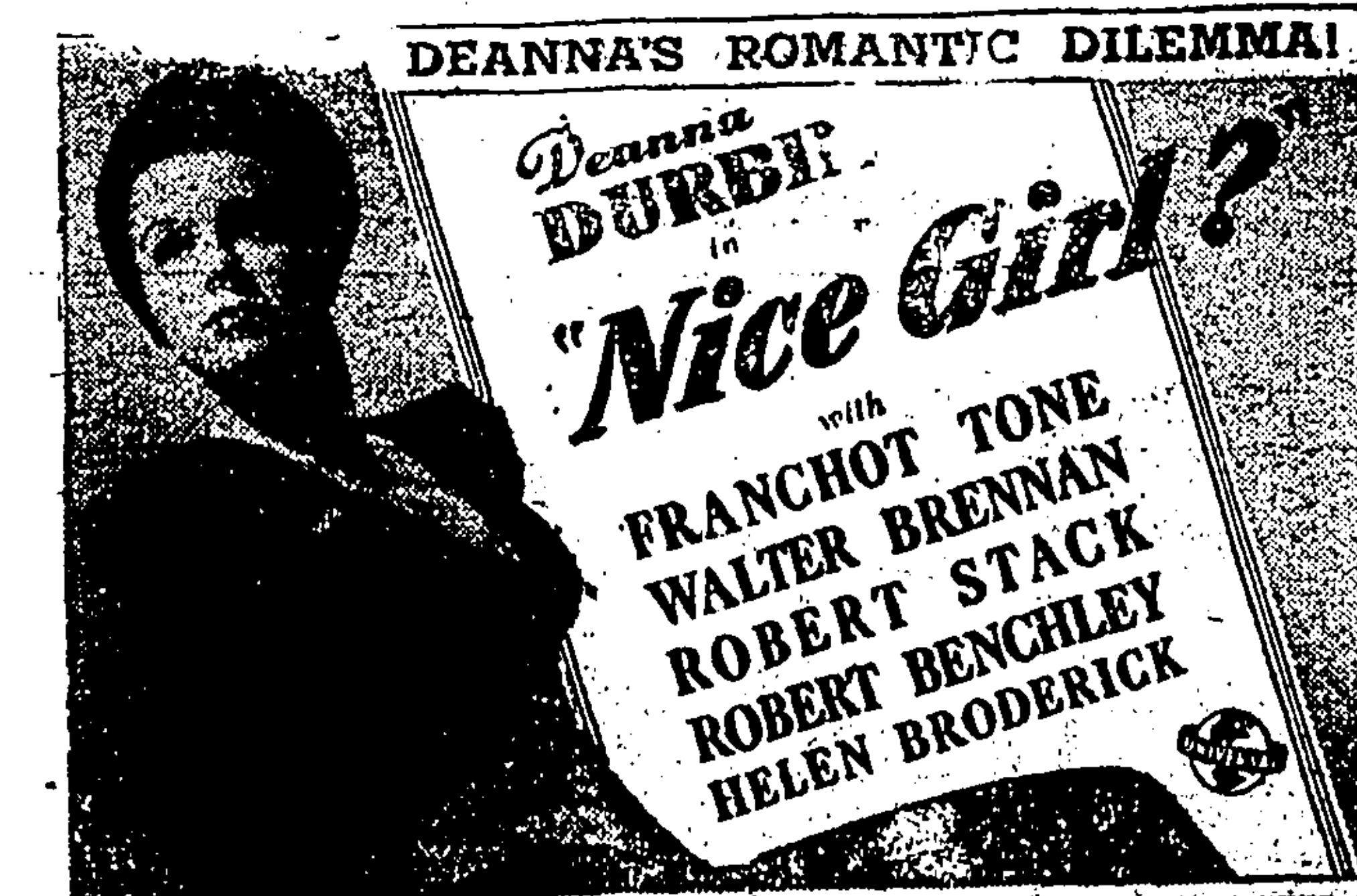


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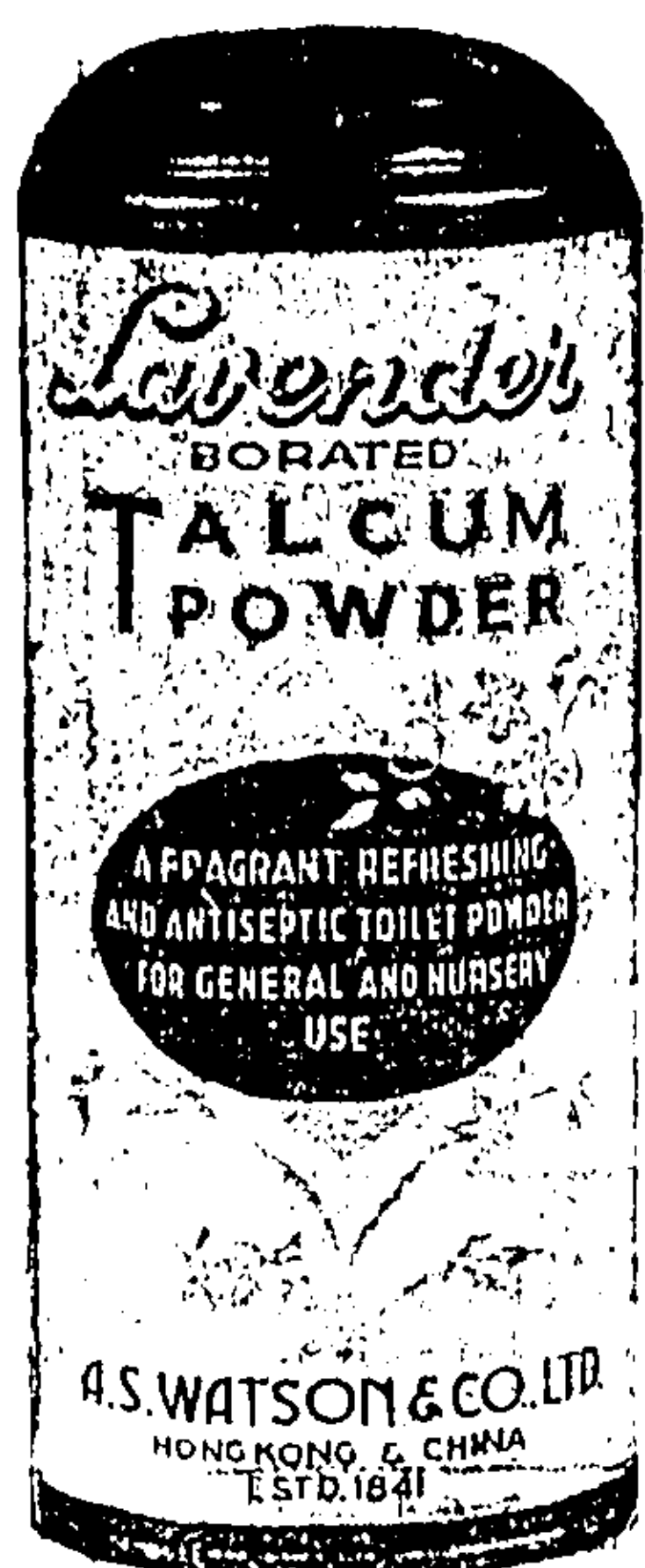
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BRITISH WAR PRISONERS STUDY NATURE

LATEST NEWS from the prisoners-of-war camp Seven C at Laufen, Bavaria, shows that morale is excellent and the conditions reasonably good. The prisoners are now being allowed to visit an island in the river outside the camp.

They tell in letters to friends in Lisbon how they are making nesting boxes for birds and fixing them in trees on the island.

One officer has sent a request for a trout fishing-rod. Another plea is for flower seeds.

Some minor requests made by the prisoners testify eloquently to the high degree of self-respect they are maintaining in captivity.

One man writes asking for button polish to be included in the next parcel. Another wants sock suspenders, while several request nail brushes. A Scots officer, asking for textbooks, writes that he is studying all kinds of subjects from early Scottish history to architecture and botany.

Red Shorts Order

For summer recreation a large consignment of rubber "gym" shoes is being sent from Lisbon. Cotton shorts and stockings will follow. The German camp commandants have ordered that the shorts must be bright red and the stockings white, with either red or blue stripes. Presumably it is considered that khaki sports equipment is insufficiently distinctive as a safeguard against attempts at escape.

Meanwhile the recently started air mail service for prisoners' letters via Lisbon is working most successfully. The large accumulation of camp letters en route for Britain is now practically cleared. British Airways planes have carried as much as half a ton in one trip. The bulk of the mail from prisoners is now arriving by air from Germany, though some is still carried overland.

Little recent news has been received from the so-called reprisal camp at Posen, which is located in an old fortress. Apart from officers sent there from Bavaria, the majority of the prisoners are of other ranks.

Paper Footwear

At one time their plight was bad, especially as regards clothing and footwear. A traveller who visited Posen two months ago reports seeing British prisoners going out to work in the fields with their feet wrapped in newspapers and their clothes in tatters. It is probable, however, that adequate supplies of Red Cross clothing and footwear have since reached this camp.

What the prisoners suffered during the first few months of confinement is vividly recalled by another informant from the Polish town of Thorn, where the camp for British and French soldiers is situated. During the early winter the rations were so bad that the men sold or exchanged personal possessions, watches, books, even clothing to obtain food.

Despite strict Nazi orders forbidding the populace any contact with the prisoners, the people of Thorn found means of helping them. The prisoners used to march daily in gangs from camp to work, and the people placed pieces of bread and bottles of beer on the pavements where the men could bend down and pick them up as they passed.

FIVE DIE AT PLAY

Five children were killed and three seriously injured playing with a small practice bomb at Cheltenham, Glos.

The dead are:
Kenneth Burford, aged ten;
Percy Mitchell, aged fourteen;
Marian Eason, aged ten;
Trevor Wellings, aged six, and
John Chitty, aged seven.

The bomb was found by Peter Mitchell when he and companions visited a neighbouring holiday resort.

It failed to explode when Peter threw it into a quarry and the boy took it home.

WIFE SHOOTS RIVAL BEAUTY

Taking a snub-nosed revolver from her purse, pretty Nita Barr, of Dallas, Texas, fired two shots—one through each eye of Mrs. Blanche Woodall, a former night-club dancer, who she believed had stolen her husband's love.

A few minutes earlier Mrs. Barr had stood before a mirror applying lipstick and rouge to her rival's face.

She turned to Mrs. Woodall's two young children, stroked their hair, and told them: "Your mother is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen."

Then she walked into the living room with the former dancer and shot her dead.

"No," she told the police. "I wasn't drunk. Just don't remember what happened."

She has been separated from her husband, Eddie Barr, newspaper columnist, for two weeks.

PREFERS PANTS TO PANTIES

BECAUSE A WIFE WEARS TROUSERS, SMOKES A PIPE AND SCRATCHES THE FLOORS WITH HER HOBNAILED BOOTS IS NO REASON WHY HER HUSBAND SHOULD BE GRANTED A DIVORCE IN THE EYES OF A NEW JERSEY JUDGE.

When Joseph Napolitano met his wife, Jimmy, she was dressed in masculine attire, but promised to return to lace panties and silk stockings when they were married.

She did so—for the three days of their honeymoon. Now she remains Mrs. "Jimmy," even if she sometimes looks like Mr.

BLOOD MONEY

Those who leave saving to others are traitors, said Lord Kindersley at East Grinstead, Sussex, War Weapons Week.

"Money has become something in the nature of a sacred trust for the winning of the war, and when it is spent unnecessarily it becomes tainted with the blood of those defending us."

PUZZLE FOR A RESCUER

Passing over a river bridge at Plymouth, a man saw a boy drowning in 5ft. of water.

The child had fallen into a stream which was 40ft. below the bridge level and the man—Carlisle Morrison, twenty-four, a Royal Canadian naval rating—was in a dilemma.

If he dived off the bridge into the comparatively shallow water he would probably have broken his neck. If he jumped he risked serious injury.

But Morrison did not hesitate. He threw off his coat and boots, leaped on to the parapet, and jumped.

The water only partly broke his fall, and the stones on the river bed cut his feet.

He was dazed by the impact and swept off his feet, but he mastered the swirling current and brought the boy to the bank.

The boy, Brian Reade, four, recovered in hospital.

"There was nothing to it," Morrison said afterwards.

TOOK ALE FOR LONG LIFE

Mrs. Mary Ann Jenner, of Wallington, Surrey, who has died aged 100, remembered seeing the Crystal Palace built and saw it burned down. She attributed her long life to hard work, wholesome food and a glass of ale for supper.

GIRLS SCARCE AND SO IS BEER

THE BOYS MAY HAVE to go short of beer now that the girls are being called up. Already brewers are finding a shortage of labour among girls who have left beer-bottling for war jobs.

They all say there is plenty of beer and that transport isn't too bad—it's just a case of getting the beer into bottles.

"We are having to ration our customers as a result of the shortage of beer-bottlers," a representative of Style and Winch, the brewers, told a reporter.

"On an average girls get £2 a week for bottling. The older hands seem to be content to remain in their jobs—it's the younger ones who seem to be giving them up for war work," he said.

The shortage of beer is so acute in Birmingham and other Midland towns that many

public-houses are closing at 8 p.m.

The manager of a brewery there said: "Bottling is our chief difficulty as we cannot get the women labour. There is plenty of beer in the country, but we cannot get it away."

At the Ministry of Labour it was told: "It is considered that there is more essential work for them to do, girls will be taken from brewery jobs. But as far as we know they will be left there."

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NAZI-SOVIET TENSION

It is extremely unlikely that there is any truth in the rumours broadcast from Ankara of a German invasion of Russia. It is, however, highly probable that the original source of these rumours was German and that the purpose inspiring their circulation was to impress upon the Kremlin that such a development is not outside the bounds of possibility. For while there seems to be growing feeling that Hitler will not hesitate to strike if he is balked, there is plenty of ground for the belief that he will avoid precipitate action and an unwanted war if his ends can be achieved by other means. His immediate aim is to convince Russia that he means business, though intending nothing more than a large-scale bluff.

On the Russian side, no modification of the ultra-cautious foreign policy of the Soviet is to be expected. Many are the concessions likely to be authorised in preference to a clash of arms with Germany. Great as are the anxieties which the Kremlin must feel over the situation, the publicly admitted preoccupation of the Soviet Government for months has been concentrated on the field of production. Last year's increase in working-time to a six-day week and an eight-hour day has failed to provide sufficient stimulus to the industrial machine. The Party Conference in February was devoted largely to denunciations of the Commissars responsible for various branches of production — including military supplies, the chemical industry and the electrical industry — and was followed by a minor purge in which several of the offenders were dismissed and others reprimanded.

In any case there is no doubt that Stalin is a realist who understands fully that foreign policy can be based only on effective power, and that effective power in the contemporary world means a highly organised and developed industrial capacity. The Finnish War was an untimely revelation of Russian weakness, which the Soviet authorities have ever since that time been labouring hard to repair. Stalin, who has been for twenty years a close and torably cynical observer of the international scene, is unlikely to put much faith in facts — least of all in those which now unite



ON THE SPOT

LONDON DEFIES THE FURY OF THE LUFTWaffe: NO. 2

Cinema Day Audiences

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of
the "Basler Nachrichten"

In spite of assertions by the enemy that gigantic petrol dumps had been hit and tankers in convoy sunk, every car driver is allotted his petrol ration with the greatest regularity—even including foreigners who are still allowed to use their cars.

Where proof can be given that the car is urgently required an additional ration is granted. Every motorist has made it a rule to offer lifts to pedestrians, whereby the difficulties of bus, rail and underground traffic during rush hours have been considerably alleviated. To offer lifts to soldiers has become a matter of course.

Many drivers have fitted their cars with a collection box in which their passengers can put whatever they think is due: this proceeds are handed over to the Red Cross or the local Spitfire Fund.

The black-out, which is still being rigorously enforced, has brought it about that cinemas, theatres and concerts are more crowded in the afternoon. Blitz or no blitz, the Londoners still love their theatre and their cinema.

The most popular entertainments are light plays which enable one to forget the war for a few hours, or else patriotic films of which some very good ones have recently been shown.

his country with its western and eastern neighbours. But he is even less likely to embark on any adventure which will place a critical strain on Soviet resources. His policy is to build up Soviet military strength, and to stave off Germany long enough to prevent any disagreeable interruption of the process.

A picture called "London Can Take It," showing the capital during and after air attacks, and the fire brigade and other civilian defence organisations in action, has had an enormous success. The Chaplin film, "The Great Dictator" is the piece de resistance of the moment.

The black-out has also brought about a much greater appreciation of books, newspapers and the wireless, because few people now leave their homes at night.

Nightlife has almost entirely vanished: invitations to supper have been replaced by invitations to lunch.

As far as the food situation is concerned, it may be described as entirely satisfactory. The prices of most articles have been fixed by the Government; profiteering has thus been rendered impossible.

To assure just and equal distribution to everybody the following articles of food have been rationed: butter, margarine and cooking fats, sugar, bacon, tea and meat with the exception of sausages.

Vegetables, bread, fruit, potatoes have not been rationed. In every case the rations are so fixed that everybody can have enough for his needs—except that people used to eating a lot of meat have to be satisfied with less to-day. Only eggs have for some time been scarce and dear.

A word about the radio, the press and propaganda.

The British Broadcasting Corporation has been supplementing the news at night by short talks

by famous personalities, such as politicians, military experts, etc.

Regrettably, Churchill himself has rarely the time to come to the microphone, but when he does it is evident how very popular he really is. His speeches, his remarks, his conclusions are for days afterwards discussed in the train, in the bus, in the tram.

Except where military considerations do not permit it, the press has retained its freedom to a remarkable degree. It is—as it has always been—a mirror of the most diverse points of view and opinions. It is united only in that it has one great goal—the winning of the war.

In spite of laws giving the Government almost dictatorial powers, the press still criticises strongly if it considers a Government measure to be unsatisfactory.

Often it gives the impression that it keeps urging the Government to do or not do something, till the Government finally accedes. Thus it is worth mentioning that it is mainly due to the press that certain measures taken against aliens by the Home Secretary after the collapse of Holland have nearly all disappeared.

To-day, every Englishman is a hundred per cent. convinced that England will win this war—that it cannot lose this war because it can endure it for longer than the totalitarian states.

This unshakeable conviction is not the result of propaganda, because, as already mentioned, English propaganda is not very convincing.

But anybody who has considered the course of the war knows that in spite of the disappointments without number which it has so far brought on England, the Axis powers could only win it by successful occupation of England. But as long as the British Navy remains undefeated and the air over England is made untenable for the enemy, invasion is an undertaking to daunt even the most courageous and successful conqueror.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten".)

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ALIGNMENT CLEAR IN GRIM CONTEST

"THE PRESIDENT has declared in terms no men can mistake on which side in this grim contest stands the United States," declared the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, at Cambridge, Mass., yesterday.

Lord Halifax, who was speaking at the commencement (breaking up) alumni luncheon at Harvard University, continued: "There is no need for me to dwell upon the encouragement his words brought to my people, to the whole British Commonwealth or to lovers of freedom everywhere.

"You in the United States are forging for us in a steadily mounting volume those weapons of war we require—and which, as they reach our hands held out to receive them, will assuredly be a powerful aid to bring final victory.

"Then as now England, last home of freedom in Europe, was in peril and at bay. Then as now all classes and creeds flocked freely to her defence." — Reuter.

"Nothing will indeed make me believe that those abiding values for which Harvard and Oxford stand; which have made your country and mine; things by which we live — nothing will make me believe that those things can go down before so foul and vile a thing as Nazism has shown itself to be."

Lord Halifax added he was "happy to think that in spite of the wanton destruction of so many buildings in England, as precious to you as to us, the chapel of Southwark Cathedral consecrated to John Harvard's memory (founder of Harvard) and refurbished by the piety of Harvard men, stands undamaged.

England At Bay

"The dangers with which the American Republic and the British Commonwealth are now confronted, though they appear to us in more fearful guise, are not new in the history of mankind.

"Nearly 150 years ago, and more than a year before the Battle of Trafalgar — which secured the freedom of the seas for the ensuing century — my country, then friendless in the world, was in imminent danger of invasion.

HOLLAND'S GRAND CONTRIBUTION

Help given the Allied cause by the Dutch was referred to by the Netherlands Prime Minister in a speech yesterday.

The greater part of the Dutch Navy was brought to Britain, he said, and the largest cruiser then lying half finished in the dockyards was towed with workmen aboard to a British harbour where she had since been completed.

The nation's gold was saved as well as the merchant fleet.

The Democratic cause, he added, had a splendid ally in the pacifist resistance of the subjugated peoples.—British Wireless.

HONORARY DEGREE

President Roosevelt is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Common Law by a diploma from Oxford University, it was decided by the University yesterday, says Reuter from London.

JUST ANOTHER THOUSAND MILLION

At an early sitting the House of Commons will be asked to grant a supplementary vote of credit for £1,000,000,000, it is learned in London.

This amount, which is the same as the original vote of credit for 1940/41, is required towards defraying expenses which may be incurred during the year ending March 31, 1942, in respect of general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply so far as specific provision for public safety and efficient prosecution of the war not otherwise made by Parliament. — British Wireless.

INDIAN ARMY RECRUITING

A drive to secure recruits for the Indian Army from new classes and areas in the country hitherto untapped has been initiated.

The recruiting organisation in India has been strengthened to establish closer relations with the Civil authorities in order to discover new sources for the supply of manpower.

As regards officers, it was stated in Simla, a great improvement has been noted in the standard of candidates offering themselves for emergency commissions. — Reuter.

FRENCH WORKERS OPPOSE VICHY

The workers of France looking to final British victory. This was stated by M. Reclus when he brought fraternal greetings from the Trade Unions of Free France to the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Building, Trade and other workers yesterday.

He said workers are roused against the invader and against Vichy, whose workers had been sold by a handful of industrialists. In France the working classes were still carrying on a clandestine struggle against the invader and those who had betrayed them. — British Wireless.

THAILAND RATIFIES PEACE TREATY

The Thailand Assembly yesterday unanimously ratified the Thailand-Indo-China Peace Convention.

The Premier, thanking the House, expressed appreciation of the Japanese mediation in the frontier conflict, and stressed that Thailand would follow the de-honoured policy of friendship for all powers. — Reuter.

AMAH WAS NOT TO BLAME

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 2nd July to SATURDAY, 12th July, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, 61 Hunter Street, Sydney, Australia on FRIDAY, 20th JUNE, 1941, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1940, and of declaring Dividend, etc. and appointing Messrs. Smith Johnson and Co., Sydney as Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year in lieu of the present Auditors.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. H. K. COBB,
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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 48

By The Four Aces

To-day's crime doesn't require the services of a detective but is submitted in the spirit of good clean fun by Robert Lustberg, of Washington, D. C.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠	K Q J 10 8 7 6 4	♠	A 5
♥	Q 10 5	♥	J 6 2
♦	—	♦	J 7 6 4
♣	6 4	♣	J 9 8 2

WEST		SOUTH	
♠	9 2	♠	3
♥	A K 9 8 4	♥	7 3
♦	A 9 8 3 2	♦	K Q 10 5
♣	7	♣	A K Q 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♥	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the King of hearts, continued with the Ace, and then led a third heart! Dummy's Queen won the trick and Mr. Lustberg joyfully discarded his singleton spade.

The next step was to lead the spade King from the dummy. East put up the Ace, and South ruffed. Then South led the King of diamonds through West. West put up the diamond Ace, and dummy ruffed.

With all this luck, South still wasn't "home." A top spade from the dummy allowed South to discard a low diamond, and then another top spade was led from dummy.

At this point East made the fatal error of ruffing. South over-ruffed, ruffed his last losing diamond in the dummy and easily won the rest.

Of course if East had refrained from ruffing, his partner could have ruffed; thirteen spades were in sight. And even if South ruffed high, East would eventually make a trump trick. But the hidden crime, as Mr. Lustberg cheerfully admits, took place during the bidding. South should

have passed four spades, and North would have had no trouble.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ 9 4
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maler
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass (7)

ANSWER: You must pass. Your partner had the opportunity to make a jump rebid of some kind, but chose to make only a non-committal bid in a new suit. His bid is not forcing, and you lack the strength to make a constructive bid.

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Question No. 747

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

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1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♦ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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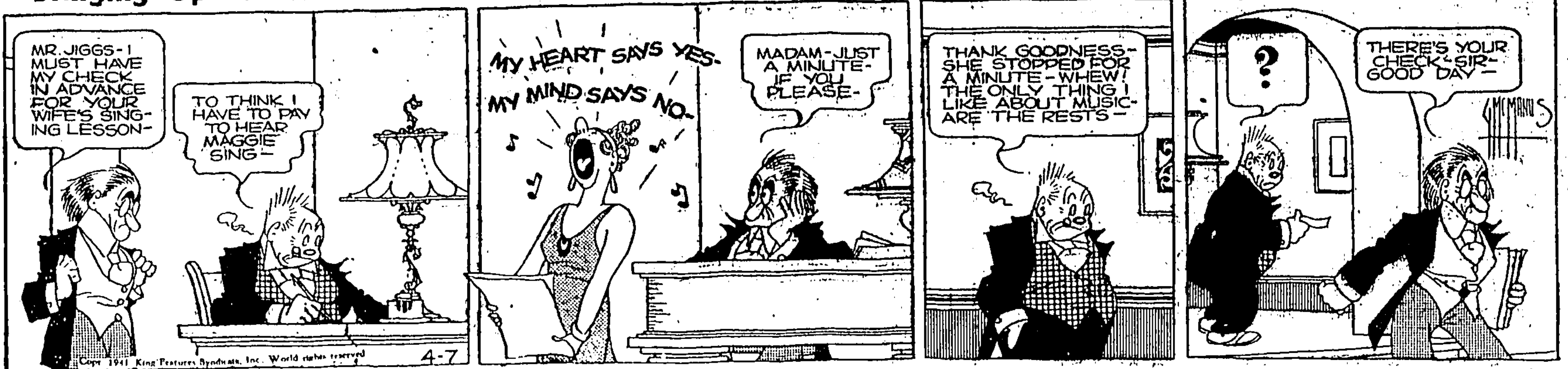
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The Hong Kong Committee British Prisoners of War Fund from its inception has been pursuing its investigations along three main lines.

- (1) To ascertain whether the British Red Cross could arrange to receive actual food shipments either in bulk or in parcels—or,
- (2) Whether it would be preferable to make them cash remittances.
- (3) As an alternative and with a view to getting into more direct contact with the Prisoners of War camps from here the Committee are also investigating the possibility of forwarding goods to Russia for redistribution to prisoners of War Camps in Germany either by Northern Ports or via the Persian Gulf.

As regards (1) and (2) we have received the following telegram from the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross in London in reply to a telegraphic enquiry from us:-

"Your offer send parcels Prisoners of War much appreciated stop Present procedure we despatch in bulk to International Redcross Geneva who redespach to all camps according to the numbers of prisoners in each thus ensuring equitable distribution to prisoners stop Personal parcels can only be sent by nextofkin quarterly stop Present system now working satisfactorily and steady flow to camps being maintained stop Consequently considered opinion of all parties concerned that you transfer funds here stop Writing fully airmail 330 Stanley Adam Redcross, London. In view of this reply and in order that there should be no further delay, we have decided

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to make a first remittance of £350 out of the total amount of HK\$7,119 subscribed to date. (This has been made possible principally on account of a very generous gift of HK\$5,000 which we received from the Hong Kong Jockey Club). This remittance was sent by Telegraphic Transfer on the 13th June.

Regular Remittances

It is the intention of our Committee to endeavour to make regular remittances in this manner every month and to achieve this it would be a very great help to be able to count upon regular monthly subscriptions.

We feel sure it will be realised that Prisoners of War are entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions for anything beyond the absolute bare necessities of life. Butter, tea, sugar, etc., cigarettes, warm clothing, books and any other small comforts have to be provided by the Red Cross solely out of voluntary subscriptions.

As regards (3), in attempting to find means of sending parcels to Prisoners of War Camps direct from here through Russia, one member of our Committee was able to get in personal touch with Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow. His advice was that distribution from Moscow presents no difficulties provided we can deliver the goods. We are continuing to pursue our investigations on those lines.

Mention has been made in the Press of parcels to Prisoners of War being sent from Shanghai by letter-post via Siberia. This is quite correct. The Chinese Post Office in Shanghai, doubtless by International arrangement, will accept parcels free of all postal charges, of Tobacco, Cigarettes, properly packed tins of Food, Butter and so forth, Oxo Cubes and such like, provided no parcel exceeds 4 lb. in weight and provided the name, rank and prison number and the prison camp address of the recipient are clearly stated on the label.

Limited Scale

The Committee has investigated this method of sending supplies but it was found that they could only be sent on a very limited scale and to individuals. It was therefore not considered suitable for our purpose and there was also the danger of jeopardising the scheme if we attempted to send in large quantities. Any persons, however, wishing to take advantage of it individually can obtain full information from the President or Hon. Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society in Shanghai.

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be Patron of our Committee and that Major-General Grasett, Commodore Collinson and Group-Captain Herry have kindly consented to become Vice-Patrons.

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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Quilter—Children's Overture. New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1.15 p.m.—Constant Lambert—The Rio Grande. The Halle Orchestra (Solo Piano: Sir Hamilton Harty) with The St. Michael's Singers. Conducted by Constant Lambert.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Gerald and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—In A Little Toy Sailboat; Slow Fox-Trot—Small Fry (film "Sing, you Sinners"); Fox-Trot—The Lady on the Second Floor; Fox-Trot—The Same Old Story; Tango—Poema; Tango—Moonlight Kisses; Fox-Trot—Does Your Heart Beat?; Fox-Trot—You've Got Dust on your Coat; Waltz—I Paid for the Lie that I told You.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss Jones (from "All Clear"); Slow Fox-Trot—Get Out of Town... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Georgia's Gotta Moon; Rhythm in the Alphabet... The Six Swingers. Quickstep—Cheerio; Fox-Trot—All Over the Place... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Tangos—Olivdame; Calceita De Mi Novia... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Jeepers—Creepers (film "Going Places"); Mutiny in the Nursery (film "Going Places")... Paul Whiteman & his Swing Wing. Waltzes—Missouri Waltz; That Naughty Waltz... Victor Young & his Orchestra. Quickstep—Look for the Silver Lining... Victor Silvester & his Orch.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—For Me, For You (Towers & Arden); Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup (Anna Sosenko)... Hildegarde with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) & his Boy Friends. Comedian—Fairy (Frankau)... Ronald Frankau, Comedienne—Let's Have A Tiddley at the Milk Bar (Gay); Bang! Bang! Bang! (Carter-Thal)... Nellie Wallace with Orchestra. Piano & Vocal—Sweet Georgia Brown (Pinkard & Others); Indiana (MacDonald & Hanley)... Buck & Bubbles with Novelty Orch. Comedian—Every Evening's Nothing Like The Last (Frankau)... Ronald Frankau with Piano. Vocal—I'll Follow my Secret Heart (from "Conversation Piece")—Noel Coward... Hildegarde with Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Debray Somers Band. "Me and My Girl"—Selection... with Vocal Chorus by The Rhythm Bros. Dixieland—Selection—Intro: Whistling Rufus; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Deep River; The Wedding Glide; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; I Want to be in Dixie... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. "Casanova"—Selection (Strauss—arr. Benatzky)... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. This England (A Selection of well known English tunes)... with Vocal Chorus.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

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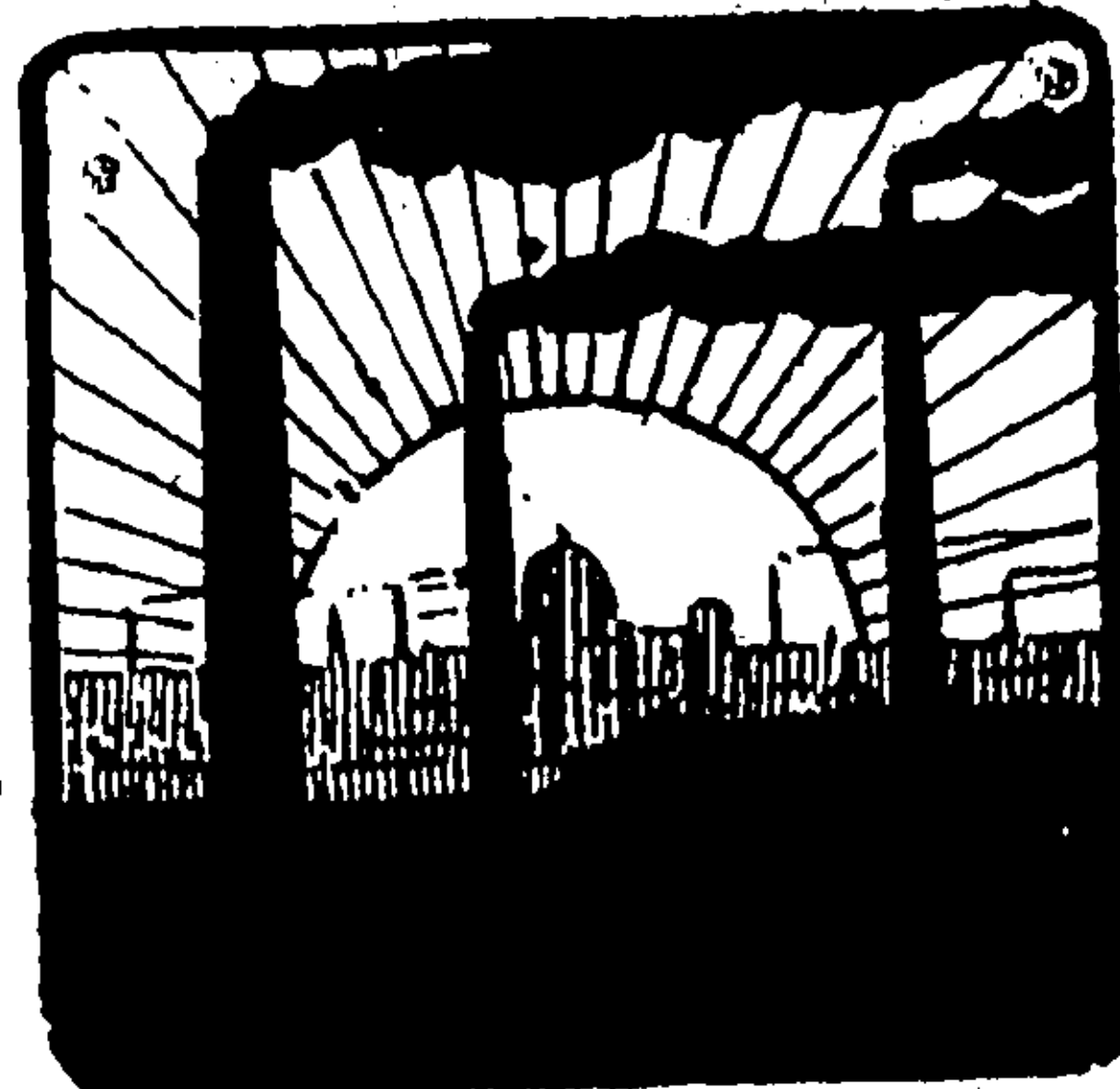
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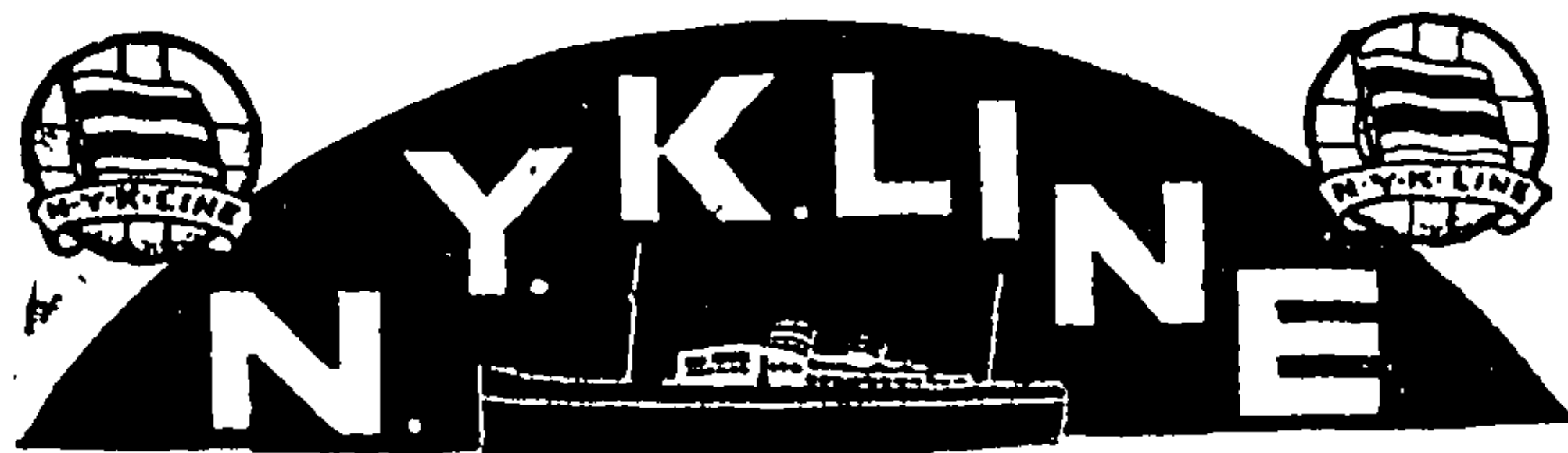
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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—The Orchestre Raymonde and Tino Rossi (Tenor).

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11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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ABBAS' DRAMATIC RECOVERY AGAINST CARLOS SILVA

Recreio Champion Short Twice And Concedes Six

DALLAH AND LUZ IN GRIM DUEL AT LAST HEAD

By "Skip"

WHEN I READ A FORECAST BY A CONTEMPORARY IN THIS PAPER THAT THE INDIANS MIGHT WELL CAUSE AN UPSET AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS, I POOH-POOED THE IDEA, BUT MY FELLOW SCRIBE PROVED A BETTER JUDGE THAN I, FOR THE SOOKUNPOO (I ALMOST WROTE SOOKUN-POO POO!) MEN WON QUITE HANDSOMELY TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON.

In the only other First Division game Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" managed to beat Kowloon Cricket Club, due chiefly to a big win by Adam Holland against Teddy Fincher, whose rink seems to me to need some strengthening.

Craigengower were all over Club de Recreio in the only Second Division match played, winning by what I would call comfortable margins on all three rinks. Kowloon Tong, leaders in this division, had scored twice as many as Taikoo when "rain drove the players to shelter" as the cricketers call it.

This match, by the way, is the first to be affected by the new rule, passed at the Annual General Meeting of H.K.L.B.A., to the effect that "all unfinished games in which not more than 36 heads have been played in all shall be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or public holiday."

In Third Division Indians beat Club de Recreio, mainly as the result of Madar's 7 shots win over Mike Mendonca, although actually their victory was a clear cut one.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, present leaders in this division, won on two rinks against Hong Kong Cricket Club. Hughie Nish, who looked as if he was going to try to beat the record when he blanked Edgar Abraham for the first five heads, could do little right subsequently.

Valiant Effort By Abbas

All credit for the great I.R.C. win over the champions must go to "Abe" Abbas for his valiant—that's the word—effort against Carlos Silva, to whom he was down by six shots with only two heads to play. Excitement at this stage was intense as it was touch and go all round, Recreio having the barest of leads. Joe Luz planted his first wood right on top of the jack, and it looked like curtains to "Abe's" 100 per cent. record, the more so when Marques added another one.

Abbas had the position in rear on the back hand and Jackie Noronha, in trying to mix one, piled in a third shot—and the head still looked nicely fixed



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for the Portuguese. But A. M. Rumjahn was not dismayed and came down with all the coolness of a veteran to draw first shot, though he tried to trail the kitty, a difficult shot with the objective obscured on a long head.

Rumjahn Again

Noronha forced this wood through and the sun shone over King's Park again. But only momentarily, for Rumjahn got up to his tricks again and with a perfect wood he trailed to his skip's little cluster to count four. THE SKIP'S WOODS MAY WELL BE DESCRIBED AS TRAGIC AND TRIUMPHANT. FOR C. G. SILVA—OF ALL PEOPLE—WAS SHORT WITH BOTH OF HIS WOODS WHILST ABBAS, AS CALM AND CONCENTRATIVE AS EVER, ADDED TWO SHOTS TO CHALK UP SIX AND LEVEL THE SCORES.

Suffiad laid the foundation for a count of three at the last head, his first one being very close to the jack and more than one of the local's woods were short on a shortish head.

Xavier Excels

F. X. Silva soon established a useful lead against A. K. Minu, thanks largely to the excellent game of Leonardo Xavier at No. 1. Dick Alves back to No. 3 again, which I consider his proper place. Incidentally, more than pulled his weight whilst "Spuggy" had the better of his opponent and fully deserved his win by 10 shots.

Team Of Heroes

But the most surprising result was Raoul Luz's trouncing at the hands of A. R. Dallah, whose team played like heroes, all down the line. The left-handed Khan and F. X. Soares had a good battle, and I thought the honours were even, but Yusuf completely outclassed Charlie Roza-Perela, who was frequently short on a heavy green and must have nearly broken his skip's heart.

"Chico" Ribeiro was inclined to be thin, with the result that Raoul was always up against it. He strove hard, but he found his opponent in equally good form.

Great Bowling

When all was over bar the shouting, at the last head, Ribeiro, with a good shot, sprung the jack to the tape about a yard from the ditch to lay one or two.

With his first wood Dallah lay very near the jack—perhaps a foot away at the most—whilst Luz was a shade narrow. Dallah repeated his shot precisely and to an audible "ooh" the Portuguese skip missed the shot by the narrowest of margins. Great bowling by great bowlers.

Willie Walker Man Of The Match

The man of the match at Cox's Road was Willie Walker who turned out as No. 3 to Adam Holland in the absence of his regular right hand man, S. Bantle. In spite of playing with the handicap of an injured knee, he played an inspired game and could do nothing wrong, drawing and pound-on shots coming alike to him. He was the two leads, Perry and Deacon,

"SKIP'S"

WELCOME RETURN

It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of "Skip" to these columns. Recognised as the leading lawn bowls critic over the past six years, he will continue to give his comments every Friday.

LET WOOD SLIP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS A RATHER UNUSUAL INCIDENT DURING THE MATCH BETWEEN A. R. DALLAH AND R. F. LUZ AT CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY. WHETHER IT WAS THE STRAIN OF THE TENSE SITUATION OR WHETHER THE DAMPNESS AFFECTED HIS GRIP I DO NOT KNOW, BUT RAOUL LUZ LET A WOOD SLIP OUT OF HIS HAND AND IT ROLLED ONLY A FEW YARDS UP THE GREEN.

Dallah rightly claimed that it was a dead wood, but there seemed some doubt until U. M. Omar, who had witnessed a similar incident recently and had looked up the rule, put matters right. The rule reads "Any bowl which comes to rest within 15 yards of the front of the mat shall be counted dead and removed to the bank."

Laborious measuring with a five foot tape revealed that the offending bowl was only 36 feet up the green. So off it went.

A REVIEW OF THE FIRST BATCH OF OPEN RINKS MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 14.

W. MAIR WITHOUT PARTNER

G. J. Perkins, who has entered the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship with W. Mair, will be proceeding to Australia on leave in the near future. As a result Mair has applied to the Lawn Bowls Association for permission to have A. E. Carey as his partner in the tournament. All three players concerned are from Police R.C.

who took Walker's place, had a very even struggle and one was as good as the other. This did not apply to the second men, where Jack was not as good as his master! Mulcahy was not unnaturally outshone by his opponent, whilst Teddy Fincher struggled gamely against heavy odds and could not be blamed for the defeat as he saved time and again.

McKelvie On Top

Jock McKelvie beat Tommy Madar. That seems a terse statement but it is not far from the truth, for it was the Football Interporter's brilliance, which turned the scales in his favour against the Cricket Interporter. HE WAS SUPERB AND DREW THE SHOT REPEATEDLY WHEN COX'S ROAD MEN WERE COUNTING TWO OR MORE. Most credit for these potential scores for K.C.C. was due to Norman Babbington, who was again in brilliant form—he has struck a great patch. Bertie Guest was the better of the leads early on, but Len Sykes began to get 'em up to the jack with regularity after the 12th and on thereabouts. Alec Hyde-Lay was second best to McKelvie in the rink and had the edge on Bill Parsons, whilst Drew was right off his game.

Lloyd's Promise

The most improved bowler in the K.C.C. team is undoubtedly "Peter" Lloyd, who played a fine game as lead for Joe Fraser, and the weight did not seem to worry him as much as it did his opponent. I hope it is not too obvious to say he always had the eighth Ted Ramsay—another cricket Interporter—ascended to our plane and was all over Lockhart, with the result that Bert White had plenty to do. He did it well, Fraser, who was playing his last game before going on leave to a certain place on a certain ship, was in his best form against Alf Hall, and deserved to win after being 12-5 down at one period.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

K.B.G.C. LED H.K.C.C. 22-3 AFTER 5 ENDS: ABRAHAM'S FINE WIN

By "Skip"

ONCE THEY HAD BECOME USED TO THE GREEN, CRAIGENGOWER NEVER HAD MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION MATCH AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO AND THEY EVENTUALLY RAN OUT WINNERS BY NEARLY 30 SHOTS, ALL RINKS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS FIVE POINTS WIN.

Herbert Randall, pitted against Corney Pereira, who had such a big win the previous week, was the biggest winner, and I hear Ward was in great form, and drawing to the jack with deadly accuracy.

Tommy Lock had an old club-mate in Jockey Soares as his opponent, and once he had the lead, after five heads, he never looked back. Bill Way, on the other hand, led from the start and, although he tied Oscar Remedios down to scoring at only six heads, he could not manage to win by more than nine, the same margin as Lock had.

H.K.C.C. Annihilation Not Sustained

Kowloon Bowling Green started off like the proverbial house on fire in their Third League game against Hong Kong Cricket Club and led 22-3 after only five heads: there was only one team in it up to then, and as I could not steel my nerves to witness the slaughter I went elsewhere. But the annihilation did not eventuate, after all, Hughie Nish, up 8-0 at this stage, "got stuck in 'mud'" and did not score for the next eight ends, while Abraham chalked up a dozen—and kept on adding them pretty well until they had the right side of a 21-13 score!

Deference to age almost makes me refer to Abraham's right hand man as Mr. Cox, but now that this very fit gentleman, who is by far the oldest player taking part in the League, has taken to the game, I am afraid he will have to be Percy! And let me say right away that when he got used to the green he played a splendid game

and had the better of such an experienced player as Ted Searle. Langley began very well as lead to Nish, but tailed off somewhat, whilst Peter Morrison and Sir Atholl about shared the honours. Edgar Abraham proved too good for Hughie Nish generally.

The other two local rinks always held the upper hand. Hamilton's four playing consistently to win by well over a dozen. "Hammy" was in his best form, a pretty push through shot securing him a four on one occasion, whilst he was often adding a shot or saving. MacKellar had more of the latter to do and he strove hard, drawing the second shot when his opponents lay at least five at one head. His best support came from his lead "Len" Ryan.

"Edgar" Wallis' four were better, man for man, than a win by half-a-dozen shots would appear to indicate, though "Doc" Valentine and "Jow" Cassidy as lead and skip for the visitors gave their opposite numbers something to worry about.

Indians Win On All Rinks

I have little information with regard to the match at Sookunpoo, the only one, incidentally to be played on the island.

Marcus Carvalho, after trailing all the way, secured a six at the 18th to lead by three, but he could not hold the advantage, the enemy coming back with eight in three heads to get home eventually by a brace.

Peto Yvanovich started slowly against S. M. Rumjahn, but had jumped into a good lead by the half-way stage, only for the Indian to take back the five he had lost at the previous head and get his nose in front to win by a singleton. Madar always had the edge on base-baller Mike Mendonca and won by over half a dozen.

CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW

In the Civil Service League Bowls team for to-morrow Charlie Strange is replaced as skip by E. W. Simmonds, who will have W. H. Colledge, E. Kirmon and M. E. Purvis as his front men. Strange's rink against the Indians comprised F. Harper, E. V. Ebbage and W. Burling.

In Rakusen's rink A. F. Shephard replaces J. Carr as No. 2, while W. Burling plays No. 3 instead of M. E. Purvis.

J. F. McGowan retains P. D. Crawley and T. Seddon as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, but C. Strange goes to No. 3 instead of E. W. Simmonds.

One Rink Unchanged

In the Electric team there are no changes in L. de Rome's rink, but in J. E. Lunny's rink J. F. Barron has gone No. 1 in place of J. R. Way, with E. L. Groome and R. C. Butler as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, instead of W. Stonehouse and W. Stoker.

J. K. Sloan returns to the side as skip instead of R. C. Butler, who is No. 3 to Lunny. A. P. Tarbuck is lead to Sloan with C. E. Gahagan and A. F. Paul as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. Butler, who skipped last week, had H. A. Owens, E. L. Groome and J. F. Barron as his front men.

In Taikoo's team W. Cunningham is in place of C. Bovaard at No. 2, in J. A. Watson's rink, while Bovaard goes to No. 3 instead of J. C. Polson in J. C. Chalmers' four.

Coleman No. 3

Kowloon Docks are again forced to make a number of changes in their team. C. Logan, J. V. Ramsey and J. Kampton, who played in the last game against Police, are absentees, but J. Revie, C. S. M. Thom and W. C. Mackie are returning to the side

M. Ferguson will be skipping a rink and will have T. Coleman, former skip, as his No. 3. J. Revie and C. S. M. Thom, who did not play in the last game, complete the rink. In Cullen's rink W. Houston, formerly No. 3 to Coleman, will lead, W. C. Mackie comes in as No. 2 and W. McMaster, formerly No. 2, will be at No. 3. Morrison will have W. Greig as No. 3 in place of Ferguson, while R. Lapsley, formerly lead to Coleman, will be No. 2. Calman is in his usual position as lead.

Second Division (v Prison Officers, Away)

A. MacArthur, W. Cunningham, T. F. Stanton and J. A. Watson (Skip). J. Nimmo, C. Bovaard, F. Hillon and J. C. Chalmers (Skip). W. G. McKie, S. J. Pollock, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip). Reserves—J. J. Whyte and D. Coull.

H.K. ELECTRIC

Third Division (v I.R.C., Home) W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip). A. R. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (Skip). J. F. Barron, E. L. Groome, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

C.S.C.C.

First Division (v Recreio "A", Away) W. H. Colledge, E. Kirmon, M. E. Purvis and E. W. Simmonds (Skip). J. Gellatly, A. F. Shephard, W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen (Skip). P. D. Crawley, T. Seddon, C. Strange and J. F. McGowan (Skip). Reserves: J. R. Carr, R. McKay.

First Division (v Recreio "B", Home)

J. Revie, C. S. M. Thom, T. Coleman and M. Ferguson (Skip). W. Houston, W. C. K. Mackie, W. McMaster and F. Cullen (Skip). A. Calman, R. H. A. Lapsley, W. Greig and R. J. Morrison (Skip).

EDDIE SOUZA'S POSSIBLE NO FLUKE



Taken on Sunday during the First Round of the Co'ony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship at Civil Service Cricket Club, where a Prison Officers' Club team under F. N. Hill ousted a strong four skipped by W. Mair by 17-16. In the picture, left to right, are J. S. Riddell, W. E. Webber, S. H. Marvin (bowling) and J. R. MacWalter beside him. In the background are J. C. Aitken with a wood, and W. Higgs.

CHAMPIONS WITHOUT RIBEIRO AND POSSIBLY CARLOS SILVA

J. F. V. RIBEIRO, RECREIO "A" LAWN BOWLER, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY FOR A WEEK AT LEAST AS HE IS SUFFERING FROM AN INJURED ARM.

Another Recreio player, Carlos Silva, who was taken ill during the Recreio "A"-I.R.C. match at King's Park last Saturday, is a doubtful starter this Saturday. He went to hospital for treatment on Monday and, though he has since returned to work, it is not at all certain whether he will be playing this week-end.

L. J. Silva, who has for many years played regularly for Recreio in First Division of the

Bowls League, is "official reserve" for their first and second teams this year, stepping into the side whenever there is a shortage. Silva decided on this course because, owing to increased Volunteer duties etc., he has little spare time and does not wish to be tied down every Saturday to bowls.

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK-END LEAGUE MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 13.

COTTAGE CLUB RIDE

The Cottage Club ride to Lin-mahang, which was postponed from last Saturday, will take place to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Rain again washed out yesterday's sports programme.

BASKETBALL

In the Inter-School Basketball League competition at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Pui Ching College beat Hing Chung Middle School by 41 points to 36, while Ying Wah Middle School conceded a walk-over to Ling Tung College.

MIDDLESEX SKATERS BEATEN

Middlesex Regiment were defeated by the "Green and White" team by 30 points to 24 in the "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates) at Kowloon Skating Rink last night, after being led 18-11 at the interval. Winfield (9), Harrington (3), Blackburn (10) and Thornton (2) scored for Middlesex, while Lo Hau (8), Ko Chi (12), Lau Man (8) and Au Kam (2) scored for the winners.

WATER-POLO

European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "C" 7-2 in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament in the Navy pool yesterday. P. Wilson (4), L. A. Benn, N. D. Booker and A. F. May scored for Y.M.C.A. and Rice and Sneezely replied for the sailors. The unchecked Signals beat 5th A.A. 7-0 in a fast game, goalscorers being Dignan (5) and Hunt (2).

The Substitute Oaks run at Newmarket yesterday resulted as follows: 8-1, Commotion (Harry Wraggs) ... 1 100-8, Turkana (Evans) ... 2 4-7, Dancing Time (Perryman) ... 3 Won by 2 lengths; 3/4 length, 12 starters.—Reuter.

The junior swimming class of Eastern Athletic Association started training recently at North Point under the coaching of Kwok Chun-hang, who won fame at the Melbourne Centenary Games.

Holland Twice Short OMAR SLIGHTLY LUCKY AT VITAL 20TH

By "Skip"

IF WE OMIT EDDIE SOUZA'S "POSSIBLE" AGAINST ADAM HOLLAND, I THINK THE MOST NOTABLE FEATURE ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF COLONY RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, PLAYED ON SUNDAY, WAS THE NUMBER OF CLOSE FINISHES, NO FEWER THAN FOUR OUT OF THE 15 ENDING IN A ONE-SHOT MARGIN.

I was able to see parts of several of these games, thanks to a bye into the next round—and the use of a motor car! Souza's four's "possible" was a remarkable one when one considers the opposition was W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill, J. McKelvie and Holland, yet the big score was by no means a fluke.

His front men Charlie Vas, and O. P. Remedios, had been through with their woods leaving the Austin Road men with two or three shots—but no back wood, McKelvie having failed to push one through into the desired position. HOLLAND WAS SHORT WITH HIS FIRST WOOD AND BIG-HEARTED EDDIE TRAILED THE KITTY FOR A BOTTLE OF JOHN HAIG, AND WITH HOLLAND AGAIN SHORT (OH! ADAM!) HE MADE IT A BOTTLER FOR EACH OF THEM!

But this was not quite enough to win, the Austin Road lads securing a good two at the last head to settle the issue by three shots. On an adjacent rink Alf Hall's four made mincemeat of a very cheery rink from Club de Recreio, a lead of 25-1 eventually bringing victory by nearly a score of shots.

Nothing To Enthuse Over

The fans turned out in plenty to see the epic struggle between Spuggy Silva's four and three Omars and a Bradbury, at Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Although there was some good bowling in parts it cannot be said that the standard was really high. Each player had his moments, with the possible exception of Charlie Silva, who was not up to his usual high standard. In a lesser degree that also applies to Bradbury, who has often played better bowls. "Spuggy" Silva saved on many occasions, whilst "U.M." was always dangerous, though I think he would concede that he was rather fortunate at the vital 20th head when a glancing shot brought him a couple, when he had a lead of only a single shot. A Talko rink, skipped by Jimmy Chalmers had the measure of Field's K.F.C. four throughout and appeared to win as they liked.

Over at Club de Recreio Ernie Kern, skipping the Lapsley family against "Brum" Stimmoids, had a hard fight all the way through and only just scraped home, the Civil Service rink scoring three at the last head when they needed only four for a tie. A four front 2nd Battery skipped by George Sherriff trailed "Charlie" Thom's Kowloon Dock office four until the 17th head, but went ahead merrily thereafter. Tommy Carr and Bebbington were the backbone of the Gunners, whilst footballer Williamson played very well as lead against the former. This Battery rink, I am given to understand, was entered as a direct result of last year's "China Mail Cup" competition. Most gratifying! At Kowloon Cricket Club Dick Alves had a fairly easy game against Govand of Prison Officers' Club, although the latter's rink fought gamely at the last four heads when facing a deficit of 15.

Rosario Falters

If Rosario could only have kept up the luck which he showed for the first 10 heads on so, Teddy Fincher's rink would have had a further interest in the event. But he fell off badly and a six three-quarters of the way through the game gave the K.C.C. men a moral lead which they just—and only just—managed to retain.

Modi was consistent throughout for Randall, whilst Teddy Fincher proved the best of his side.

I am not going to pretend that I popped over to the island during the afternoon, but I have some reliable information on some of the games. But I'll be brief. In the Burling and Macfarlane match at the Police Club Kirman and Burling proved the best of their side and the rink did well to scrape home after being 11-2 to the bad. They went up to 19 before the opposition scored again.

4 Strange Men Win

"The Four Strange Men" had an easy game against Doc Karanjia's Craigengower four with Ernest and Syd laying the foundation for the big win.

Joe Eastman was the star turn for Bill Simpson, whose other men, Walter Naef as lead and Tommy Fergusson, were both better than their opponents. The woods did not run very kindly for Rakusen's Civil Servants, of whom MacGowan was the most dependable.

A domestic battle at Craigengower resulted in a big win for Charlie Rosset over Ward, Alf Coates, playing an excellent game as second man for the title holders.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning on Sunday are as follows:

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	E. G. Price, B. O. Baldwin.
9.20 ..	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.24 ..	M. L. Reidy, N. C. McLeod.
9.28 ..	J. B. Harrison, J. G. H. Lander.
9.32 ..	A. M. Kennedy, J. A. Blackwood.
9.36 ..	N. D. Lloyd, E. G. Smith Wright.
10.16 ..	Brig. Peffers, J. W. Anderson.
10.20 ..	R. I. Plummer, I. P. Tamworth.
10.24 ..	D. Pinkerton, T. Megarry.
10.28 ..	Major Meek, I. H. Geare.
10.32 ..	Brig. MacLeod, K. S. Robertson.
10.36 ..	Capt. Young, R. Young.
10.40 ..	Cpl. Rose, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.44 ..	Pay Cdr. Burton, A. B. Purves.
10.48 ..	Major Giles, R. Forrest.
10.52 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.56 ..	A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
11.00 ..	C. W. E. Bishop, L. Goldman.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	W. Sharp, J. L. Macintyre.
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10.28 ..	J. D. Clague, S. L. Lloyd.
10.32 ..	Major Guest, J. A. Parrish.
10.36 ..	R. Partin, G. G. Aitkenhead.
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COLONY LOSING ONE OF ITS BEST SPORT LEADERS

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

In the course of an interview on Wednesday Mr. L. R. Idefonso, president of Hong Kong Softball League, who is returning to Manila on transfer in the near future, asked particularly if it could be made known that he would be only too glad to be of any service to local clubs in any way in his native Philippine Islands. In this connection it is interesting to note that Victoria Recreation Club have already officially appointed him their representative in the P.I.

Idefonso, first stepped on these shores on August 8, 1918 and ever since his arrival here has been connected with Filipino Club, of which he had been president on three different occasions. He has held every executive position in the club and has been, since 1918, a member of the committee. In 1928, in recognition of his services to the club, he was made a Life Member—the first to be thus honoured. It was largely through his efforts that the club were allotted their present site in King's Park.

From 1923 to 1928 he was manager of the Filipino baseball nine that took part in the local Baseball League, and in the 1926-



Mr. L. R. Idefonso.

27 season he was hon. treasurer of Hong Kong Baseball League. When softball was first introduced into the Colony, he gave players and officials alike all the encouragement they needed, and three times he was made president of H.K. Softball Association. As a mark of appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the game, he was presented with a wrist watch, suitably inscribed, at a dinner given in his honour at the Filipino Club on June 14, the present from the Club itself taking the form of a silver cigarette case, also suitably inscribed.

Interports With P. I.

Always ready to help in promoting sport between Hong Kong and his native Philippine Islands, Idefonso has been representative in the Colony of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation since 1920, and in this capacity has been responsible for arranging Interport football matches between the two ports.

In 1933, when St. Joseph's became the first football team to visit Manila from Hong Kong, and again in 1937, when Eastern and Royal Ulster Rifles sent teams to the P.I., Idefonso was the main worker behind the scenes and in 1936, when the Filipino Delegation passed through en route to Berlin for the World Olympiad, he made the arrangements for the swimming exhibitions at V.R.C., track and field events at Caroline Hill and basketball games at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

L.T.A. League Sec.

When Sing Tao Football Club were planning their recent visit to Manila, he was again approached to lend his valuable assistance.

He has been the Filipino Club representative on Softball Association and Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association for many years and is the present League Secretary of L.T.A.

Always ready to help and encourage, Mr. Idefonso's departure from the Colony will leave a gap in the ranks of "sports organisers" that will be indeed difficult to fill.

EASTERN IN AUSTRALIA TILL AUGUST

The Eastern football team is expected to remain in Australia until the beginning of August before proceeding to New Zealand, according to word received in the Colony yesterday.

During their stay in Australia, they will play 11 more games, the next match being to-morrow and the last game is expected to be on Wednesday, August 2, against an all-Australia team. It is also expected that, apart from these 11 arranged games, there may be several matches in aid of charity before they leave Australia.

ROYAL HUNT CUP SUBSTITUTE

The Vale of White Horse Hunt Cup, substitute for the Royal Hunt Cup, will be run at Newbury a week to-morrow and the acceptances, with their weights, are as follows: Omaha 9st. 7 lb., Prince Tetra 9st. 8 lb., Bold Devil 9st. 1 lb., Ruedelapax 9st. 1 lb., Quarter-maire 9st. 1 lb., Broquart 9st. 1 lb., April-leon 9st. 1 lb., Eurasian 9st. 1 lb., Tomstep 9st. 9 lb., Giaming 9st. 5 lb., Jamaica 9st. 2 lb., Phaxia 9st. 2 lb., Dama 9st. 2 lb., Wapex 9st. 13 lb., Mickle Bulger 9st. 13 lb., Zentor 9st. 13 lb., Davy Doolittle 9st. 9 lb., Nip-away 9st. 8 lb., Melbos 9st. 3 lb., Jeepers 9st. 7 lb., and Dean of Guild 9st. 12 lb. Reuter.

TWO CLUBS REJOIN H.K.C.A.A.F.

Two of the six clubs which withdrew from Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation have re-entered the Federation, and it is probable that two others will return to the fold. It was revealed at a meeting of the Federation last night.

It will be recalled that six clubs, South China, Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Miniature Football Association, Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Tai-koo Chinese Recreation Club withdrew from the Federation at the last annual meeting last June.

With the exception of South China and Chinese Recreation Club the others have re-joined or are to re-join the Federation.

It has been mainly through the efforts of Dr. C. T. Wang that these clubs reconsidered their decision.

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union will hold their first swimming gala of the season at Leichikok to-morrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the "Bomber Fund".

A friendly basketball match on roller-skates was played at Kowloon Skating Rink on Wednesday evening, when Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union defeated a team from Royal Scots by 30 points to 8.

RICKETTS RETAINS HUNGJAO GOLF TITLE

PLAYING UNDER TRYING WEATHER CONDITIONS, TONY RICKETTS RETAINED THE HUNGJAO GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RECENTLY WHEN HE DEFEATED T.S.M. TERRACE, THE SHANGHAI GOLF CHAMPION, BY 5 AND 3. AFTER BEING 2 DOWN IN THE MORNING, THE CITY CHAMPION FLASHED A STANDARD IN THE AFTERNOON THAT WOULD HAVE WILTED A PROFESSIONAL.

Ricketts was at the top of his form in the afternoon for he never lost a hole until the 13th, by which time he was 5 up. The match was full of thrills as the

players secured their share of birdies, while Terrace was unfortunate in being stymied on three occasions.

An exceptionally large crowd accompanied the finalists, among them being Mr. A. H. George, H.B.M. Consul-General, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. F. S. Gibbins, the enthusiastic Club Captain, as well as Mrs. "Billy" Liddell, the Shanghai Ladies' Golf champion in 1923, since when she has confined her interest to riding and racing.

Ricketts' drives throughout the day were like rifle shots. Never before were his drives longer or straighter. Terrace's 72 in the morning and Ricketts' 70 in the afternoon were both magnificent efforts under the sweltering sun without a breath of wind.

TRYING TO POPULARISE BASEBALL

With a view to promoting baseball among Chinese youths in the Colony, Chung Wah Baseball Club have organised a special section to enable those interested to obtain baseball training.

Mr. Leung Foo-cho is the secretary of this section, which

is to be known as the "Chinese Youths Baseball Team" and which has so far attracted 12 members. Training will start immediately after the closing of membership at the end of this month.

CONN HAS ONLY SELF TO BLAME

Turning the tables with dramatic suddenness in the 13th round when looking the worse for wear, and when faced with his first defeat since 1936, Joe Louis snatched the world heavyweight championship from the brink of disaster by knocking out Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh and former world light-heavy-weight champion, on Wednesday night in New York.

Conn boxed beautifully throughout and had only to keep away from trouble for the remainder of the fight. Instead he made the elementary mistake of "mixing it" with such a devastating puncher as Joe Louis and paid the penalty.

Disregarding the shouts of advice from the ringside, Conn forsook all his previous successful boxing tactics and went into close quarters just when Joe Louis was slinging punches in sheer desperation, and almost from nowhere came the paralyzing right to the jaw, travelling only a few inches, which Louis followed up by unleashing a fierce barrage of jabs and rights.

Conn, who had previously been treading the triumphant path, now looked a sorry sight, and with a stupid look on his dazed red face and with blood streaming from his right eye he sagged to the canvas, to be counted out.

Conn conceded nearly two stone in weight and cleverly outboxed Louis after the first two rounds. Dancing lightly about the ring he presented a difficult target for the slow-moving Louis, being content to land occasionally with his rolling blows, or suddenly lashing out with a furious two-fisted attack.

His superiority was clearly marked by the 12th round, and the entire crowd of 80,000 went delirious. Then came the dramatic turn which dashed Conn's hopes. It was Conn's own fault, rather than Joe Louis' prowess.

Two Million Mark

Nearly £2,500,000 is now the total of Joe Louis' ring earnings. He received \$125,000 for Wednesday's fight out of the net receipts of \$300,012. Conn received \$77,000. The official attendance was 84,400 and the gross gate receipts \$451,700. Reuter.

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GERMAN RETALIATION

Withdrawal Of American Consuls Demanded

CHAPLIN BANNED IN CHUNGKING

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Screening of "The Great Dictator" and "Pastor Hall" has been prohibited in Chungking.

No reason for the ban was given, but it is believed that it was the result of representations from the German Embassy. — Our Own Correspondent.

DESERT AIR PATROLS

Normal air patrols were carried out yesterday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the Western Desert, says an official R.A.F. communique.

British bombers also raided the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, one unidentified aircraft being destroyed on the ground at Gazala.

Enemy aircraft approached Malta on two occasions but owing to interception by British fighters, raids did not materialise. Instead, one Italian fighter was shot down and two others badly damaged.

From all these operations four British aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

Humourless Hun Makes Accusations

"MUCH INCRIMINATING evidence of offences on the part of American representatives," is contained in a German Note to the United States demanding the withdrawal of American consular staffs from Germany and German-occupied territory, said the official German news agency last night.

It says the German Foreign Office has "a mass of material on intrigues injurious to the State and the prohibited news service of American consulates."

The German news agency mentions a number of American consular officials by name.

Thus, it states that the Consul-General at Cologne, Mr. Alfred H. Kliefoth, "in the autumn of 1939 and the Spring of 1940, carried out espionage against Germany by using, in conjunction with the Belgian Consul-General in Cologne, a code for reports on the German march into Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg."

The Vice-Consul in Hamburg, Mr. Ralph Getainger, is accused of "carrying out espionage in the Spring of 1941 against Germany by making sketches of the railway system and military installations near Hamburg."

It mentions charges of espionage on German troop movements in Norway, and anti-German propaganda by a former employee of the U.S. consulate in Oslo, Mr. Ivan Jacobsen.

Detrimental Remarks

Mr. Sydney Redekop, consul at Frankfurt-on-Main, is accused of having "delivered copies of anti-German propaganda and to have passed on information of military matters which were of a secret nature."

The Consul-General at Ostend, Mr. Nielsen, and the consul, Mr. Roy E. Bower, at Munich, "in January, 1940, showed their anti-German feelings by making detrimental remarks on Germany and the German Government in the hearing of German persons." — Reuter.

Italy Acts

It was officially announced in Rome yesterday that American consulates in Italy are to be closed. American consuls and employees must leave by July 15. — Reuter.

EIRE'S TEA SHORTAGE

Mr. Sean Lemass, Eire Supplies Minister, stated in the Dail yesterday that a central tax purchasing board had been established which was endeavouring to purchase tea direct from India.

The board had already purchased a quantity of tea in America and shipment of it was being arranged but as it was not sufficient to affect the ration, the purchase of a large quantity was being negotiated in India.

Mr. Lemass added the first cargo of wheat from America, via Lisbon, arrived in Dublin yesterday. — Reuter.

CLOSING IN ON DAMASCUS

(Continued from Page 1)

of Beirut. Hitherto over 1,200 officers and men have surrendered to the Allies.

IT IS NOW ASSUMED THAT GENERAL DENTZ INTENDS DEFENDING DAMASCUS BY FORCE. — REUTER.

Slow Progress

The big tank battle of the last few days in the Western Desert may now be regarded as finally concluded, with the Germans given a salutary taste of the Allies' ever-growing strength on their front.

In Syria, the British advance along the coastal sector from Sidon to Beirut is slow. It now seems increasingly likely that the Vichy forces will offer resistance before Beirut.

Fighting continues around Damascus, including the vicinity of Mezza aerodrome, indicating that the offer by General Wilson to General Dentz in his broadcast from Palestine radio to allow the Vichy troops to vacate Damascus in order to avoid shelling the city, has not been accepted. Time limit of the offer expired on Thursday morning. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

While there is no confirmation of reports of Russo-German fighting, it seems probable that a Rumanian border clash has taken place. A broadcast last night from the Soviet radio station at Tiflis said that actual clashes had occurred between Soviet troops and forces "of a certain power" on the Bessarabian frontier of Rumania. — International News Service.

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NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY RESTORED BETWEEN IRAQ AND PALESTINE VIA TRANS-JORDAN, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM JERUSALEM TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

Caravans of motor lorries are now running from Basra via Baghdad to Palestine, where they are transporting considerable quantities of goods which had been held up at the port of Basra during Raschid Ali's revolt. — Reuter.

"Nothing to report" up to 6 p.m., said an Air Ministry communique issued in London last night and quoted by Reuter.

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GERMAN PRESSURE ON SOVIET

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The London "Daily Mail" yesterday reported increased German pressure on the Soviet as the first result of the German-Turkish Pact, and says the reported new Russo-German trade agreement is the first fruit of the new drive.

THE "DAILY MAIL" SAYS THAT THE PERSISTENT REPORTS OF A RUMANIAN ULTIMATUM TO RUSSIA, WHILE REMAINING UNCONFIRMED, EMANATE FROM SOURCES USUALLY RELIABLE.

It is reported that Finland is prepared for any eventuality, as Helsinki prepares evacuation plans while the streets are crowded with soldiers.

The "Daily Herald" quotes an official of the German Embassy in Ankara as saying: "All signs point to a war against Russia but we hope to obtain (Continued on Page 16)

War Of Nerves Races Up To New Crescendo

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

EUROPE'S "WAR OF NERVES" ROARED TO A NEW CRESCENDO LAST NIGHT WITH FURTHER UNCONFIRMED AND LARGELY DISCOUNTED REPORTS THAT GERMANY AND RUSSIA ARE ALREADY TRADING BLOWS ON THE UKRAINIAN BORDER.

The British newspapers displayed the reports under banner headlines but they were flatly denied in Berlin and ignored by the Kremlin, and also lack official confirmation anywhere.

The rumours are attributed to propaganda aims or even to outright hysteria, and an electric atmosphere was later introduced by a frantic broadcast from Tiflis, in the U.S.S.R., of an actual clash between Soviet forces and troops "of a certain power" on the Bessarabian frontier of Rumania.

There is growing opinion that Europe is on the verge of some kind of showdown.

Another item in the welter of

rumours was a report that the alleged Rumanian ultimatum to Russia for the immediate return of Bessarabia, is due to expire on Sunday night.

Other radio and press reports told of mobilisations in Russia and Finland.

In Washington, it is estimated that Germany has 1,500,000 blitz troops poised on the Soviet borders from Finland to the Black Sea ready to march into the Ukraine unless Russia meets the Nazi demands.

Capitulation?

Despite Moscow's present outwardly stubborn front, sufficient information has reached Washington that the Soviet will probably accede to the German demands, which call for vastly increased supplies of wheat and oil. The White House is watching the situation with the closest attention.

Berlin, meanwhile yesterday denied reports that Russo-German fighting had broken out. The rumours, a Wilhelmstrasse official claimed, resulted from a British "whispering campaign" to stir up trouble. — International News Service.

'COOLIDGE' RECORD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A record number of 200 passengers boarded the "President Coolidge" in Shanghai yesterday for a direct run to Honolulu and the United States as the vessel is skipping the Japan call to place itself at the disposal of the U.S. Government.

American husbands waved good-bye to wives going on one of the last President liners to be seen in the Far East as a result of the commandeering order in Washington. — International News Service.

H.K. BOY POSTED AS MISSING

The announcement that a well-known Hong Kong boy, Albert Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss, has been reported "missing" was received by cable in the Colony this morning.

The circumstances have not been disclosed, but it is known that Moss went to Greece with the Australian Division of the B.E.F.

In the House of Representatives in Canberra yesterday, Mr. Spender announced that 9,000 British, Australian and N.Z. troops are prisoners in Greece, and that 5,591 Australian troops have not returned from Greece and Crete, and have been posted as "missing." Efforts are being made to ascertain who among them are prisoners of war.

Mr. Albert Moss is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Moss, who are now in Australia, Mr. Moss having retired as Superintendent of the Fire Brigade about 12 months ago. Albert joined the Australian forces soon after the outbreak of war and went to Egypt with the first contingents.

The speaker said he was impressed by the people's valour, light-heartedness, and "stoic indifference" to danger. — International News Service.

DAWN OF GREATER AGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Rev. William Hudspeth, American missionary, in a speech to the Shanghai Rotary Club, said: "The spirit of New China is unconquerable and is rolling along like the Mississippi."

"It will be rolling along for a thousand years to better and happier days."

RELATING IMPRESSIONS OF HIS VISIT TO CHUNGKING. MR. HUDSPETH SAID: "THE DAWN OF A GREATER AGE HAS COME, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WARTIME CAPITAL HAVE LEARNED TO ENDURE INTOLERABLE HARDSHIPS IN THE DRAWN-OUT WAR."

'FLYING CANNONS' TO BE THROWN INTO ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS LEARNED IN New York yesterday that Britain in a few days is expected to unleash against the Nazis eleven Bell Aircobras, the first shipment of the deadliest fighting plane ever built.

Literally "flying cannons," they are designed to destroy anything on the face of the earth. They are the only single-seater fighters which carry cannon.

Sources close to the Bell factory, which now produces six Aircobras daily, revealed yesterday that Britain hopes soon to use a fleet of Aircobras to sweep the Germans from sky and sea and to carry the aerial invasion to the Continent.

Experts agree the new plane is faster, more smashing and more manoeuvrable.

Initial tests moved both Britain and the United States to place initial orders for 800 each, of which 50 have been delivered to the United States and 11 to Britain.

It is learned that 3,000 British cannon have been assigned for installation in Aircobras. — International News Service.

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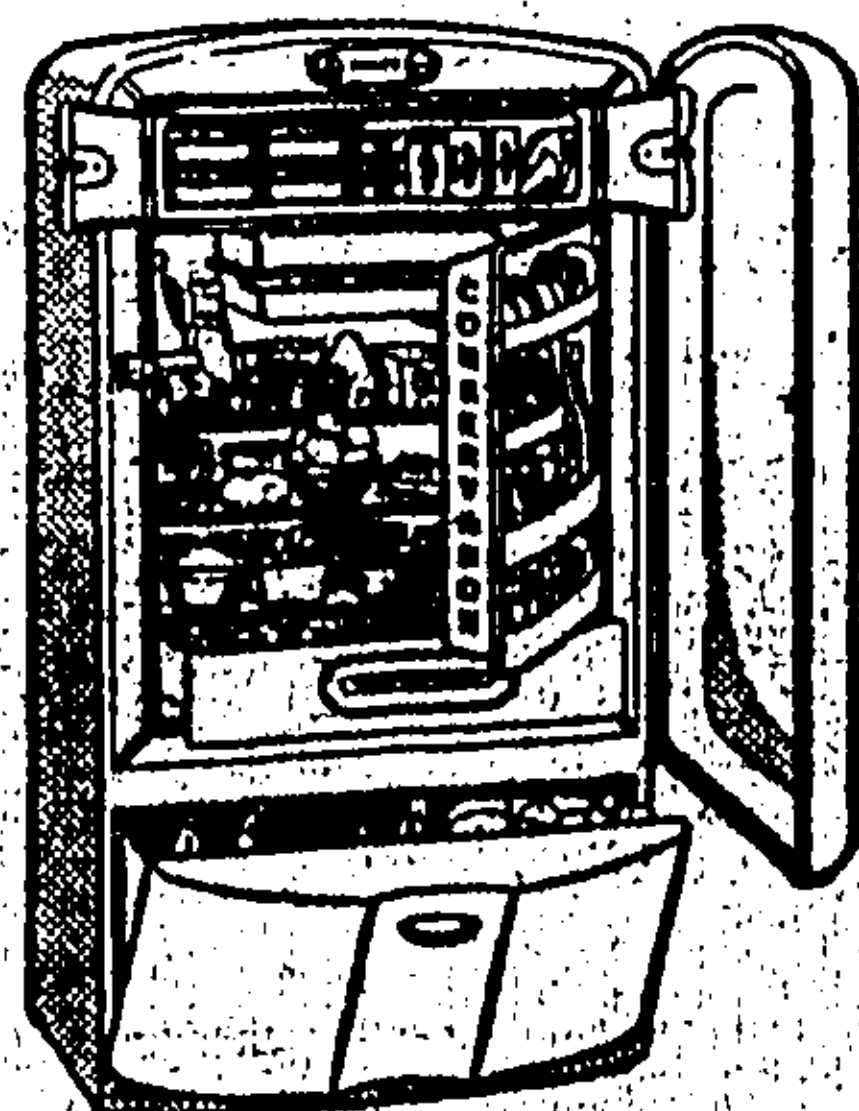
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WILL NEVER GO TO VIENNA

Turkish Attitude Towards German Agreement

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"WE TURKS WILL NEVER GO TO VIENNA," IS THE STATEMENT HEARD ON ALL HANDS IN ANKARA FOLLOWING THE SIGNATURE OF THE GERMAN-TURKISH PACT, AND TURKS ARE ANXIOUS THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT TURKEY REMAINS A FRIEND ALSO OF BRITAIN.

In view of the present geographical and military situation, with German troops near her frontier, the new agreement has obvious advantages for Turkey.

Turkish policy is to remain non-belligerent and she has no aggressive intentions against anybody. On the other hand she had been nervous lest Germany might try to drive east across Turkey.

The new Pact removes this possibility in the immediate future and therefore, as it blocks one of the approaches to the Middle East, is held to be of value to Britain.

Considerable curiosity exists why Germany was so anxious to sign a Pact under any conditions, and some observers suggest she wants to assure that Turkey remains neutral in the event of a German attack on Russia.

The fact that the latest Tass agency statement on Soviet-German relations has been virtually ignored by the German press and radio, and persistent rumours that Hitler will shortly demand the return of Bessarabia to Rumania, as well as large economic concessions, lend weight to this suggestion.

Bolder Concentration

The Pact also removes yet another explanation for the presence of large German troop concentrations on the Russian frontiers.

Finally, the agreement may lead to some expansion of German-Turkish trade, though it is unlikely that the harvest will permit the export of cereals which the Germans need so badly.

It is, however, unlikely to remove the suspicion with which Germany has been viewed in Ankara, and the Turks know exactly what German promises and assurances mean.

The agreement will be used by Goebbels as a diplomatic triumph, to offset Axis reverses in the United States, but that Turkey remains faithful to her alliance with Britain is seen in the clear statement in the preamble, on which the Turks insisted, refusing to sign if the clause was not included.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY DENOTED

Turkey's attitude towards Britain and Germany following upon the new 10-year Pact of Friendship signed in Ankara between Germany and Turkey is explained in a leading article in the semi-official Ankara newspaper "Ulus," quoted by the Turkish radio.

The editor of the newspaper writes: "We are not renewing our friendship with Germany nor are we trying to repair the old friendship. There exists no direct discord between us and Germany."

"We will remain neutral in the complications centring around Turkey."

"We shall not be an instrument of aggression against our own ally, Britain, nor will Turkey act in a way incompatible with the friendship and confidence of Germany."

"This does not spell any change in our national policy. When Turkey concluded an alliance with Britain, we considered it our duty to prevent the spreading of war into our mutual zone of security—not to instigate its complications—and to defend the peaceful order of this zone."—Reuter.

SIR RONALD CAMPBELL HOME

The British Minister in Yugoslavia, Sir Ronald Campbell, who has been a prisoner in Italy for nearly five weeks, arrived in London last night, Reuter learns.

He left Italy about a week ago and arrived in London via Lisbon together with British consular officials and certain officers of the British Council.

Sir Ronald fell into the hands of the Italians when Italian troops occupied Herzegovina, in Dalmatia, on April 18.

The American Embassy in Rome worked hard in arranging with the Italian Government for the safe passage to England of the British Minister and those with him.—Reuter.

22 HOURS IN THE BOX

SIR DELVES BROUGHTON'S EVIDENCE LASTED FOR 22 HOURS IN THE TRIAL IN WHICH HE IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF LORD ERROLL.

Accused paid tribute to the kindness and consideration of the prison officials and fellow prisoners, saying: "I have received more genuine kindness and thought both from the prison officials and prisoners than I have ever received outside the goal."

Replying to his counsel, Sir Delves denied that he was even irritable even under prison conditions.—Reuter.

M.P. FIRE FIGHTER HURT

Major Sir Jocelyn Lucas, fifty-two-year-old Conservative M.P. for South Portsmouth, was seriously injured while on duty in London with the fire brigade.

SOVIET SILENT ON TURCO-NAZI PACT

Moscow radio hitherto has made no comment on the new German-Turkish Pact.

Only mention of the Pact from the station was an incidental reference to it in a review of the news in English, in which it was stated that "amongst other items dealt with by the Soviet press were the war and the German-Turkish Pact." — Reuter.

BERLIN ON TURKISH TREATY

In Berlin the conclusion of the German-Turkish Treaty is regarded as meaning Turkey's inclusion in the political system of the Axis, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Stockholm Tidningen."

In regard to the declaration in the Pact that earlier Turkish engagements are not affected, the correspondent says: "Political quarters in Berlin interpret this as meaning that if, contrary to expectations, the pact comes into conflict with earlier treaties, then naturally the most recent document will have preference."

The correspondent adds: "Despite Turkey's natural interest in Syria, it is stated in Berlin it is wrong to suppose the pact will affect military operations there, these being the affair of the French."

"Berlin does not think France will be obliged to seek German aid."

It is considered certain in Berlin, says the correspondent, that Turkey did not sign without consulting the Soviet.

"If the Soviet advised the Turks to sign, this is regarded as a good omen for a Russo-German settlement, which is expected to eventuate at the end of the present week."—Reuter.

GARDEN TERRACE BURGLARY

Mr. D. C. Longrine, of No. 4, Garden Terrace, has reported that between 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday and 8.30 a.m. yesterday, his residence was entered through an open window, and jewellery to the value of \$480 was stolen.

mutual confidence." Telegrams were also exchanged between Dr. Sarajoglu and von Ribbentrop, the respective Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

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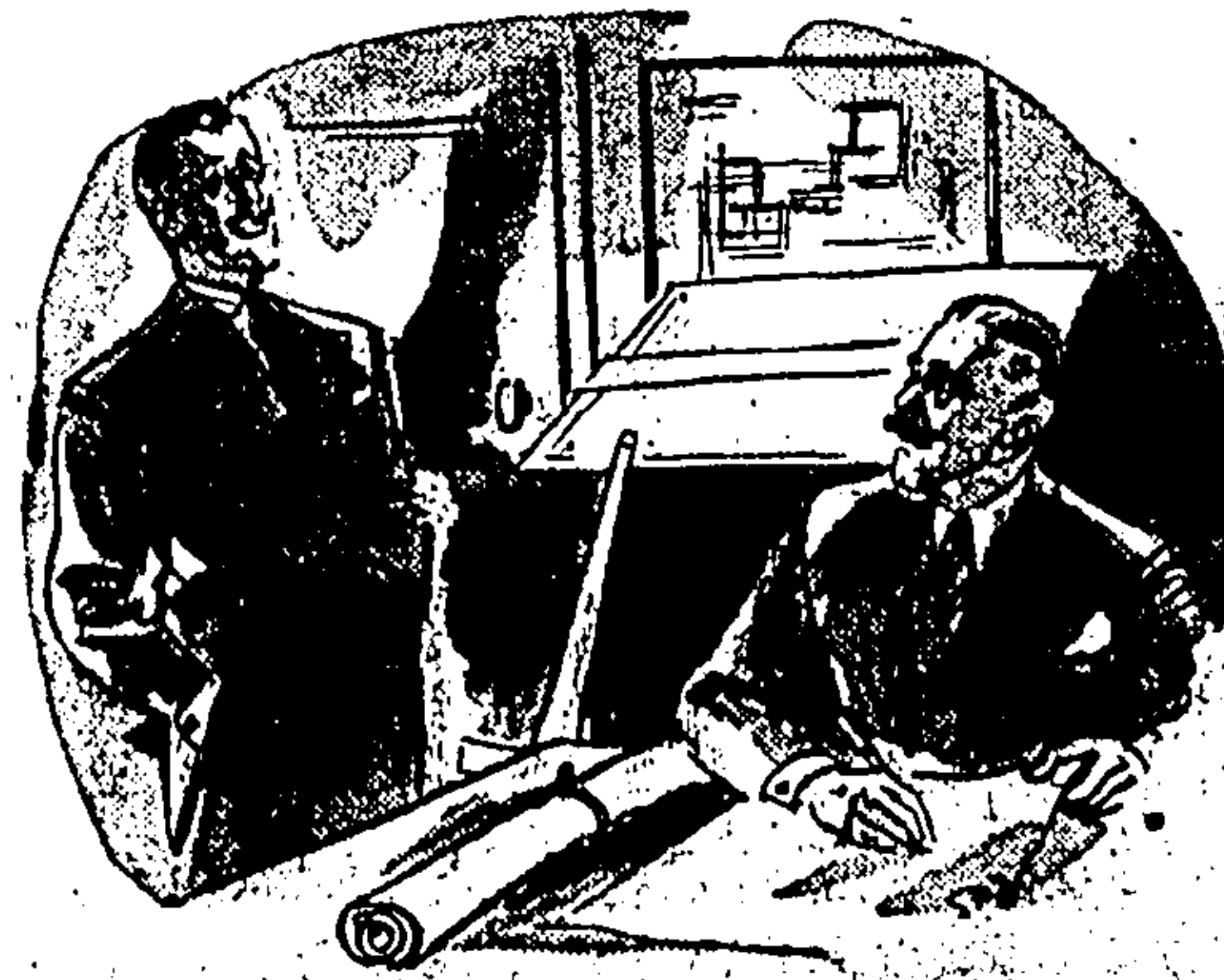
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"Flinty old fiddsticks. Look here, David, what is biting you today?"

"Well—er—as a matter of fact I went to a party last night. The foaming beakers were knocked back with speed and precision. I had a whale of a time."

"H'm—you look fresh enough anyway."

"That is the climax of my story. Somebody gave me the tip about Gimlets. You know—Rose's Lime Juice being a therapeutic agent—anticipating hangovers—and so on. And it works!"

"H'm. Must make a note of that—Rose's Lime Juice. Confound it! I've written it on the plans for the new reservoir!"

Silence About Hess Raises Debate In The Commons

Mismanagement Charge Against Mr. Duff Cooper

"THE COMPLETE AND APPARENTLY DIRECTED SILENCE IN THE PRESS AND ELSEWHERE ABOUT RUDOLF HESS," WAS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. SAMUEL SILVERMAN.

Mr. Silverman contended that if Lord Beaverbrook had taken a Spitfire and landed by parachute by Berchtesgaden, the Germans would have made much better use of the incident, being used to cause doubt and mystification in the minds of the German population, or of our own.

Mr. Silverman asked a direct question: "Did Hess bring a peace plan or not?" He also asked what Mr. Churchill had told the United States Government and what it was that the United States Government was entitled to know but this country was not entitled to know.

Mr. Richard Stokes, another Labour member, said the whole position was fraught with suppression in statements and perhaps untruths.

Mr. Stokes alluded to the statement by Sir Archibald Sinclair (the Air Minister) on May 22 that the Duke of Hamilton did not recognise Hess and had never met him.

Mr. Stokes emphasises he was making no imputation against the Duke of Hamilton and asked, why should the Duke not know Hess? But he charged Government with making incorrect statements.

Judas Iscariot

Mr. Vyvan Adams (Conservative) blamed Government for allowing the Germans to be first with the allegation that Hess was mad.

That theory, he said, was still widely entertained among the bewildered British public, whereas Hess was no more mad than Judas Iscariot or Satan.

Better than silence would have been our ruthless use of this gift from Hell but the Ministry of Information had made no more use of it than an oyster. Mr. Adams believed Hess came to Britain to say to the aristocracy: "Join us or we join Russia," hoping to trap that mentality who wanted peace at any cost.

Leave Nazis Guessing

Mr. Henry Strauss, also a Conservative, took a totally opposite view and argued that whatever assumption you take about the circumstances in which Hess left Germany, the advantages of leaving Germany guessing were overwhelming.

Mr. Strauss contended that Government's silence had led the Germans into a palpable lie and a fantastic contradiction by which they had lost prestige in every country in the world.

Government's reply was made by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, who declined to depart from Government's present policy of silence about Hess.

He declared there was no mystery or confusion about Hess "who is a prisoner of war and is being treated as such, and will continue to be so treated."

As An Officer

Mr. Silverman interposed to ask whether he was being treated as a civilian prisoner or as a Field-Marshal.

Mr. Butler said he was being treated as an officer—perfectly fairly and rightly as a prisoner of war with all the attendant circumstances.

"IT IS NONSENSE TO SUGGEST THAT HESS IS AT CHEQUERS (THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE COUNTRY)."

"Other conjectures as to the reasons for Hess coming here can be left to the imagination of individual members, and members have given full rein to their imagination to-day."

Mr. Butler said he would be unable to satisfy the curiosity for reasons of public interest.

On the point whether the Duke of Hamilton knew Hess, or whether correspondence had taken place before, Mr. Butler said he had nothing to add to Sir Archibald Sinclair's statement on May 22.

Substantial Point

There was a substantial point as to why, if the American Government was informed, British public opinion should not be informed as well.

There had been endless diplomatic exchanges between Britain and other countries throughout the war and "it has been a source of sorrow that I have not been in a position to divulge them to Parliament."

"The British public should share as far as possible the inner thoughts of Government but in this case we do not believe we have anything to say which would make for an improved effort of the public and we do not believe that by not saying anything we are in any way upsetting public morale."

Tough Job

Dealing with points of general policy raised in the debate, Mr. Butler declared it was Government's desire to avoid making idealistic statements about the future which might not be realised.

"We are in the middle of a tough job and are determined to see it through."

"REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE CLIVEDEN SET AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE. THEY ARE BOTH DEAD AND MAY THEY SO REMAIN."

"We want to build not only a new set in this country but a new Europe, and that is a job we can pursue without making grandiose statements."—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN STEAMER TAKEN OVER

The U.S. Maritime Commission announced yesterday they have taken formal possession at Savannah (Ga.) of the s.s. Clara, first of the 28 Italian ships in United States waters, according to a *Reuter* message from Washington.

BLACK-OUT IN JULY

IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING AT A.R.P. HEAD-QUARTERS THAT THE FORTH-COMING BLACK-OUT EXERCISE WILL NOW BE STAGED IN THE LAST WEEK OF NEXT MONTH.

The Exercise, scheduled to take place in the first week of next month, is dependent on the manufacture of sufficient electric bulbs of a certain type. These, it is expected, will be available soon.

VOLUNTEERS FOR A.R.P. TUNNELS WANTED

AN APPEAL FOR 1,500 volunteers for service in the A.R.P. Tunnels has been issued by the Director of A.R.P., Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, who stated this morning:—

"One thousand, five hundred volunteers, men and women, preferably over 25 years of age, are required for service in the A.R.P. Tunnels."

"They must be healthy and capable of keeping a calm and level head under all conditions. Knowledge of first-aid treatment would be very desirable of the applicants but not essential."

"These volunteers would be required to undergo a short course and will be enrolled, for the purposes of discipline and pay, in the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens."

Applications to join this new organisation which is to be called the A.R.P. Tunnel Service may be forwarded to the D.A.R.P., A.R.P. Headquarters, Happy Valley.

"Their duties will consist of (a) shepherding people to the various passages in the tunnels; (b) to prevent the passages from becoming jammed and to see that the best possible use is made of all available shelters and to put into practice the slogan 'Move Along The Corridors Please'; (c) to keep order and to prevent smoking, spitting and other insanitary acts, etc.; (d) to render every assistance to children, the aged, the infirm and invalids, etc.; (e) to take charge of certain stores, such as hurricane lamps, pick-axes, shovels, etc."

WOMEN IN THE WAR EFFORT

Mrs. John Winant, wife of the American Ambassador, was guest of honour at a Forum Club Lunch in London yesterday at which Princess Marie Louise, President of the Club, presided.

In an address to members Mrs. Winant said she wished to express her sense of "the magnificence of the response of English women" to conditions existing under the "blitz."

She paid a high tribute to the work women were doing in all spheres of activity, especially regarding the ceaseless day to day hard work in occupations which were now advanced far beyond any interest of novelty and had become an absolutely essential part of the nation's war effort.—*British Wireless.*

FREEZING ORDER EXEMPTION NEGOTIATIONS

The U.S. Secretary of Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, announced at his press conference yesterday that conversations have been inaugurated with the representatives of Portugal, Russia, Finland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, to exempt those nations from President Roosevelt's freezing order.—*Reuter.*

CLEAN-UP CONTINUES

Yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo says that in Abyssinia, while Patriot forces are steadily increasing their pressure on the Italian garrison in the Gondar district, British troops are continuing the advance on Debra Tabor.

In the southern areas, operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The communique adds that in Libya there is nothing of importance to report.—*Reuter.*

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RATHER DIE ON OUR FEET THAN LIVE ON OUR KNEES

"WE TOO ARE BORN to freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom and would rather die on our feet than life on our knees," declared President Roosevelt in a message read on his behalf yesterday, when Oxford University's highest honour degree of Doctor of Civil Law was conferred on the President by Lord Halifax as Chancellor of Oxford University.

The ceremony took place at a special Convocation of Oxford at the Harvard graduation ceremonies, at which Lord Halifax himself received Harvard's honorary degree of Doctorate of Laws.

President Roosevelt was unable to attend owing to official business at Washington, and Brigadier-General Edwin Watson, his military aide-de-camp, represented him.

Only once or twice has the Convocation occurred outside Oxford's walls, and it is believed to be unprecedented for the Chancellor himself to preside personally at such a ceremony. Lord Halifax wore the black and gold robes of state as Chancellor for the ceremony, which conformed as closely as possible to the Oxford tradition.

Forty members of Oxford University were present at Harvard for the occasion, including four Oxford delegates, one of whom was Sir Arthur Salter.

Stand For Liberty

The degree was conferred "in token of our deep respect for his exalted station and in lively recollection of his stand for liberty and his steadfast championship of humanity and law."

Lord Halifax read the lengthy diploma stating that whereas President Roosevelt "has at all times been in the fight for peace, justice and freedom, and to-day has not only heartened the defenders of liberty by his lofty and inspiring eloquence but has brought, and in an ever-increasing measure, is still bringing the material help required to secure the final defeat of lawlessness and aggression."

New Symbol

President Roosevelt, responding by proxy through Brigadier-General Watson, declared: "All the world can be enriched by the new symbol which supports truth and the search for truth."

"In days like these, therefore, we rejoice that this special Convocation, in breaking all historical precedent, does so in the great cause of preserving the free learning and civil liberties which have grown, stone upon stone, in our lands through centuries."

"That is why I am proud to be permitted to have a part." President Roosevelt's message proceeded: "There have been other symbols throughout the years and in the present."

After this the message quoted extracts from statements by Mr. John Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, who in a recent special interview said the bomb hits on Westminster Abbey and the House of Commons "seemed to me to symbolise the objectives of the dictator and pagan."

Lincoln Statue

President Roosevelt then quoted Mr. Winant's statements on

observing the statue of Abraham Lincoln standing near the wreckage: "And, as an American, I was proud to be there in all that wreckage as a friend and sentinel of gallant days that have gone by and a reminder that in this great battle for freedom he waited patiently for support for those things for which he lived and died."

To this President Roosevelt added: "We, too, are born to freedom and, believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom."

"We and all others who believe as deeply as we do would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."—Reuter.

AGAKI MURDER CHARGES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE AGAKI ASSASSINATION, ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE MILITARY IN SHANGHAI, HAVE BROUGHT TO LIGHT EXTENSIVE PLANS BY SO-CALLED "BLUE SHIRT" TERRORISTS IN SHANGHAI TO KILL HIGH JAPANESE OFFICIALS AND LEADERS.

The Japanese press reports that measures are being devised by the Japanese consulate, army and navy to protect the lives and property of Japanese nationals in Shanghai and will be promulgated shortly.—International News Service.

ACCIDENT KILLS GENERAL

Major-General Cecil Ma'den has been killed in an accident while on active service.

PETROL RATIONING FOR U.S.?

A call to the United States' \$12,000,000,000 oil industry to unite with the Government, in order that "our efforts to defend Democracy may not be hampered by any breakdown in the flow of essential petroleum products," was made by Mr. Harold Ickes, Secretary of Interior, yesterday.

Mr. Ickes, who is also Petroleum Co-ordinator, was addressing an emergency meeting of petroleum executives representing two-thirds of the world's output.

He later told the press that the ration card system for use in the Eastern United States was "one of the things under consideration" if rigid restrictions on petroleum were made necessary by the expected oil shortage.

Mr. Ickes declared he did not think a single drop of oil should be shipped to anywhere from the Atlantic seaboard.

Asked whether he included Britain, Mr. Ickes replied he meant that all cargoes would be examined by the Government before shipment, but he emphasised that Britain's supply was coming direct from the producing areas and not from the Eastern seaboard area.—Reuter.

AUTOMATIC GUN PRODUCTION

Sir Peter Bennet, M.P., has been appointed Chairman of the Automatic Gun Board, which will co-ordinate production for and on behalf of all Ministries concerned.

In consequence of his new appointment he has resigned his position as Director-General of the Emergency Service Organisation of the Ministry of Aircraft Production.—British Wireless.

CONDITION OF L/CPL. IMPROVED

The condition of Lance-Corporal Hill, Middlesex Regiment, was this morning stated to have been improved. He was admitted to hospital yesterday afternoon following a head-on collision between a motor-cycle which he was driving and a motor-lorry in Saikung Road.

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FIRMER CONTROL OF PRICES IN BRITAIN

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S comprehensive policy which it is planned to extend over the whole financial, industrial, commercial and social activities of the country, was explained in the Commons yesterday by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Oliver Lyttleton, in presenting a Bill for the control of prices for goods and services.

General object of the policy is to assist the diversion of production and productive capacity to war purposes while keeping down the costs of the necessities of life.

Industrially this is secured by Government control of prices and distribution of raw materials and by rationing food and clothing.

Mr. Lyttleton declared that prevention of any further increase of wages can only be effected by maintaining the purchasing power of money or ensuring that the cost of a reasonable quantity of essential commodities is kept reasonably

steady. Contributions to this end are made by the Chancellor's policy of mobilising extra purchasing power, by voluntary and involuntary saving, and high taxation, and also by rationing.

Some rise in prices may occur owing to the actual increase in costs due to the war, such as the extra cost of ocean freight insurance and so forth.—Reuter.

3,000 NEW A.R.P. WARDENS WANTED

A.R.P. recruiting offices have been re-opened in the Colony with the object of enrolling 3,000 new wardens who are needed to bring the Corps up to its required strength.

During the last three weeks, some 500 new recruits have signed up.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

The Archbishops of York and Canterbury both spoke at the Church Assembly yesterday on the need for Christian education at schools.

A resolution was passed "that this House, convinced of the need of true Christian education in all schools of the country and gratefully recognising the work of teachers in all classes of schools, gives general approval to the statement recently issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Wales and strongly urges that with the cooperation of various Christian communities, of the education authorities, of parents, of teachers and Christian citizens generally, speedy effect may be given to the five points therein contained."

The Archbishop of Canterbury after the passing of the resolution, said he would now take a representative deputation of the Church of England and the Free Churches to the Board of Education, if possible before Parliament adjourned.—British Wireless.

RUSSIAN UNCERTAINTIES

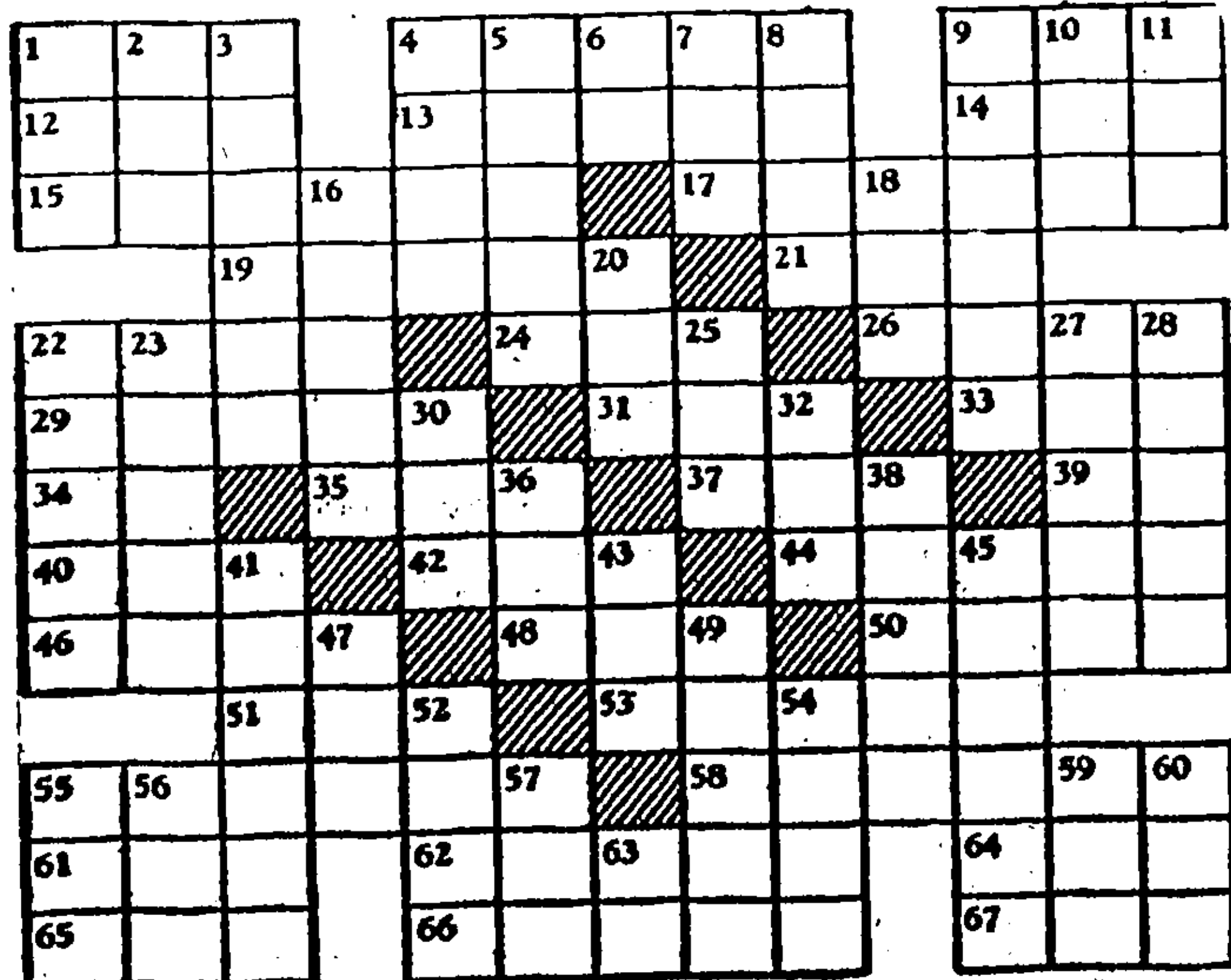
The London Stock Exchange was quieter yesterday, the Russian uncertainties exercising a restraining influence, but prices generally were maintained and the undertone remains firm. Among industrials, iron and steels continued upward and Cable and Wireless ordinary were strong at 62-1/2 against 60-3/4 on publication of the 1940 results. Kaffirs encountered profit-taking but rallied towards the close. Diamonds tended easier while Home Rails met continued demand and were quoted at 12 against 11-1/8. Wall Street was cautious.—Reuter.

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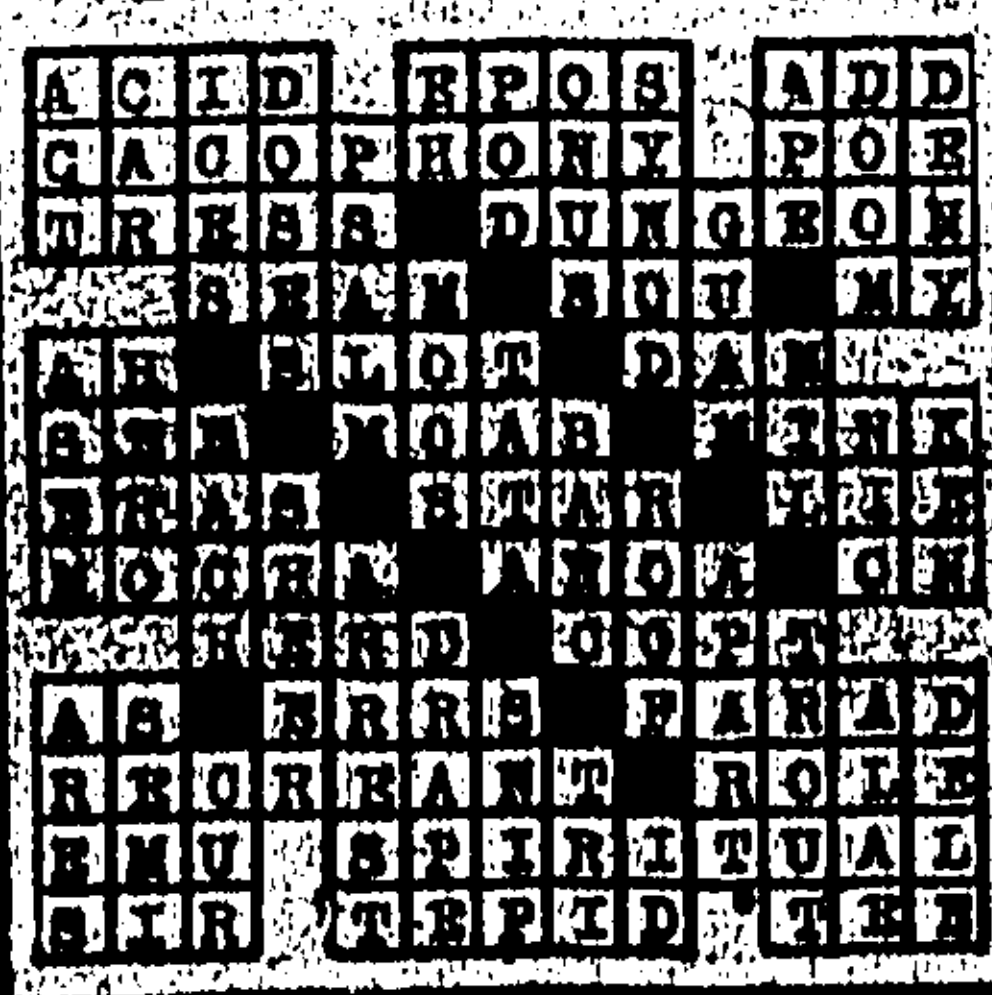
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- 1 River in Prussia
- 4 To excite
- 9 Opening
- 12 To place
- 13 Report
- 14 Frozen water
- 15 Enigmatic
- 17 To steal
- 19 Unspoken
- 21 Negative
- 22 Journey
- 24 Dutch weight
- 26 To unite, as metal
- 29 Residences
- 31 College cheer
- 33 To fade away
- 34 Four
- 35 Insect egg
- 37 To strike
- 39 Brother of Odin
- 40 Levantine sailing vessel
- 43 Dutch ship
- 44 Palatable
- 46 Malayani dagger
- 48 Gamin
- 50 Measure of length (pl.)
- 51 To scold

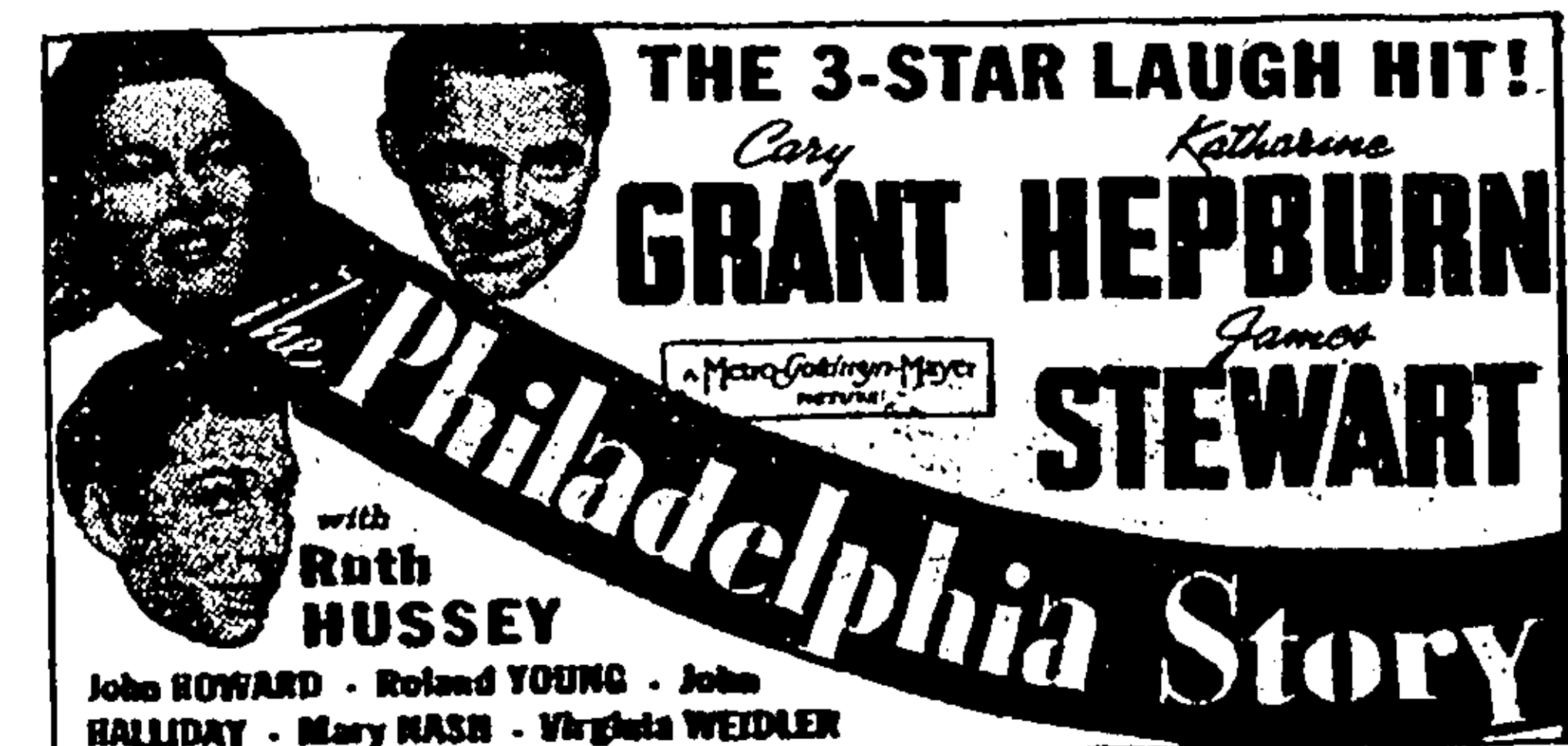
VERTICAL

- 1 Shade tree
- 2 Month
- 3 Organised whole
- 4 Scandinavian navigator
- 5 Girl's name
- 6 Part of "to be"
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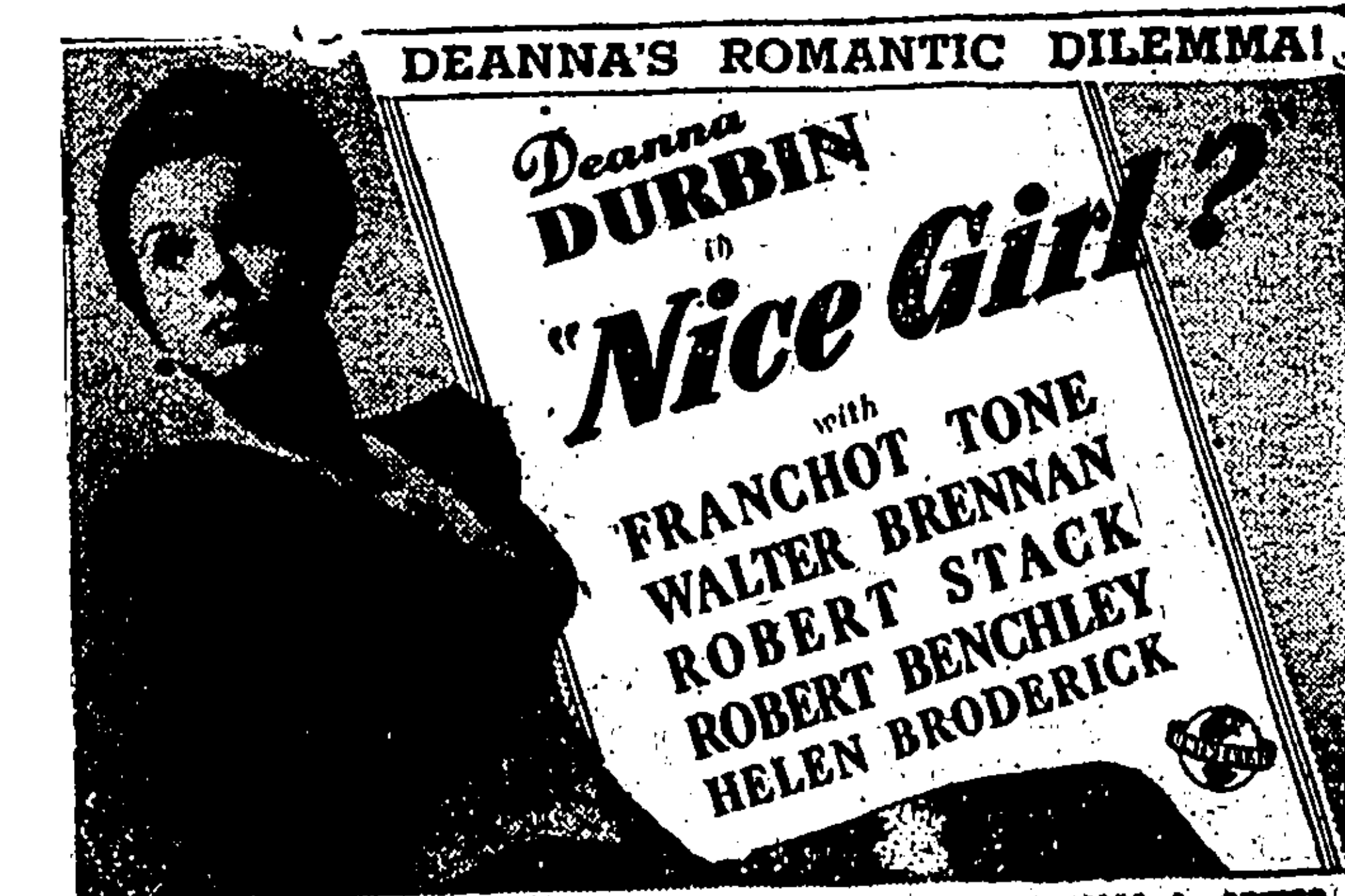


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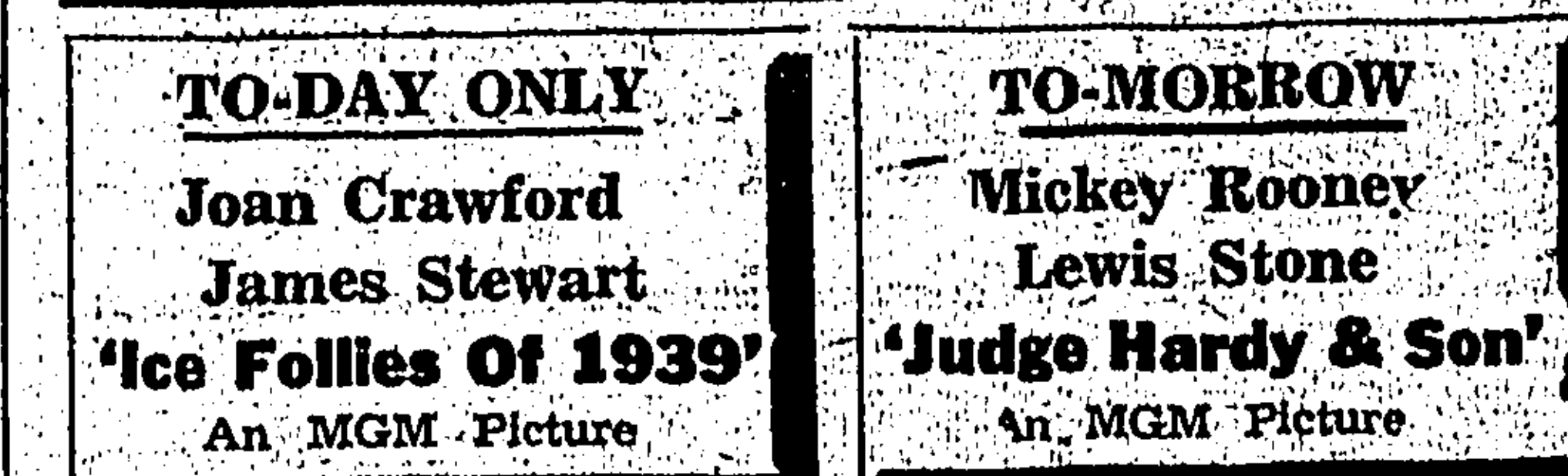
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CLOSING IN ON DAMASCUS

THE ALLIED TROOPS WERE REPORTED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY TO BE NEARING THE GATES OF DAMASCUS, AND EVENTS ARE ALSO DEVELOPING FAVOURABLY TO THE ALLIES ON THE COAST, WHERE STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARDS BEIRUT.

While there is always the possibility that the Vichy troops may make a stand half way between Sidon and Beirut, it is hoped in Cairo that the Beirut-Damascus line will soon be in British hands.

This will leave Tripoli, Homs and Aleppo as the chief towns still held by Vichy.

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique said progress has again been made by the Allied forces in the coastal sector, while further important positions have been captured just south of Damascus.

In the central sector the Allied troops successfully recaptured Kuneitra, while strong Vichy forces in Merj Ayoun have now been surrounded, it announces.

Air Cooperation

The bombing of positions which were holding up the British troops near Damascus, was reported in yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Combined forces of Australian and R.A.F. bombers, it says, attacked the positions.

At Beirut, shipping in the harbour was bombed, one very near miss being made on a destroyer.

Two Vichy aircraft were shot down at Souedla, about 60 miles south by east of Damascus.—Reuter.

General Dentz Decides To Fight

BRITISH TROOPS WERE REPORTED BY THE MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO BE STILL PRESSING FROM THE SOUTH-WEST OF DAMASCUS AND HOLDING THE DAMASCUS ROAD RUNNING DUE SOUTH TO KISWE.

But they are stated to be meeting with artillery opposition in their attempts to press northwards from the slopes of Jebel Kahl.

In the coastal sector Australian cavalry patrols have reached Wadi Zeni, 16 miles south of Beirut.

Hitherto over 1,200 officers and men have surrendered to the Allies.

IT IS NOW ASSUMED THAT GENERAL DENTZ INTENDS DEFENDING DAMASCUS BY FORCE.—REUTER.

Slow Progress

The big tank battle of the last few days in the Western Desert may now be regarded as finally concluded, with the Germans given a salutary taste of the Allies' ever-growing strength on their front.

In Syria, the British advance along the coastal sector from Sidon to Beirut is slow. It now seems increasingly likely that the Vichy forces will offer resistance before Beirut.

Fighting continues around Damascus, including the vicinity of Mezzo aerodrome, indicating that the offer by General Wilson to General Dentz in his broadcast from Palestine radio to allow the Vichy troops to vacate Damascus in order to avoid shelling the city, has not been accepted.

Time limit of the offer expired on Thursday morning.—Reuter.

FORGED BANKNOTE CHARGES

A remand for three days was granted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at Kowloon this morning, to enable the police to make further investigations into the case in which Leung Sang, 27, is charged with uttering and possession of forged banknotes.

"Nothing to report" up to 8 p.m., said an Air Ministry communique issued in London last night and quoted by Reuter.

Collier Sunk By Aircraft

The British ship "Empire Warrior," from Newcastle with coals for Portugal, was sunk by aeroplanes some distance from Villa Real de San Antonio, close to the Spanish border.

The crew of 25, of whom two were wounded, were saved by a Portuguese destroyer and a fishingboat.

Members of the crew who arrived in Lisbon yesterday stated their convoy was attacked off Cape St. Vincent by a submarine.

A call for help was responded to by a British seaplane. The latter attacked the submarine which made off and was possibly sunk.—Reuter.

COTTON AS BUILDING MATERIAL

A special building material being manufactured in the United States from surplus cotton was mentioned in the Commons by a questioner yesterday.

He suggested Britain might acquire some under the Lease and Lend Act to build houses to accommodate British workers or evacuated industries.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Hicks, replied that at present British resources were adequate to provide materials for such purposes.

He added, however, that enquiries are already being made regarding the experimental material in question.—Reuter.

DRASTIC NEW U.S. SURTAXES

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY DECIDED TENTATIVELY TO RECOMMEND DRASTIC INCREASES IN SURTAXES ON INDIVIDUAL INCOMES AND A TIGHTENING UP IN THE CORPORATION AND EXCESS PROFITS TAXES IN ORDER TO RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$2,480,000,000 ADDITIONAL REVENUE.

The new individual income surtax schedule is said to more than double the tax bill of every taxpayer.—Reuter.

BLOOD MONEY

Those who leave saving to others are traitors, said Lord Kindersley at East Grinstead, Sussex, War Weapons Week.

"Money has become something in the nature of a sacred trust for the winning of the war, and when it is spent unnecessarily it becomes tainted with the blood of those defending us."

LULL ON CHINA FRONTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chinese military spokesman in Chungking, reporting a lull in the fighting on all fronts, said this indicated that major battles were looming, with both sides preparing.

The spokesman pointed out that Japan is in a dilemma, not knowing whether to go west or south, and not having sufficient strength to do either.

He confirmed reports that more than 100 Japanese war vessels are manoeuvring off the Chekiang coast.

The spokesman speculated that the Japanese are probably not going southward but are using the naval concentration as a show of force to exert pressure on the Netherlands East Indies for more successful negotiations.—International News Service.

KOREANS ROUNDED UP IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Korean gang arrested by the Shanghai police are to be handed over to the Japanese for further questioning on charges of writing extortion letters to theatres.

The gang is said to have been behind the recent wave of bombings in cinema houses.

It is reported the Koreans wrote 22 letters demanding "protection money."

When the large Metropole cinema balked, a bomb exploded during a performance, though there were no injuries.

Police, posing as theatre representatives, met the gangsters at an appointed place but brought handcuffs not money.—International News Service.

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NAZI-SOVIET TENSION

It is extremely unlikely that there is any truth in the rumours broadcast from Ankara of a German invasion of Russia. It is, however, highly probable that the original source of these rumours was German and that the purpose inspiring their circulation was to impress upon the Kremlin that such a development is not outside the bounds of possibility. For while there seems to be growing feeling that Hitler will not hesitate to strike if he is balked, there is plenty of ground for the belief that he will avoid precipitate action and an unwanted war if his ends can be achieved by other means. His immediate aim is to convince Russia that he means business, though intending nothing more than a large-scale bluff.

On the Russian side, no modification of the ultra-cautious foreign policy of the Soviet is to be expected. Many are the concessions likely to be authorised in preference to a clash of arms with Germany. Great as are the anxieties which the Kremlin must feel over the situation, the publicly admitted preoccupation of the Soviet Government for months has been concentrated on the field of production. Last year's increase in working-time to a six-day week and an eight-hour day has failed to provide sufficient stimulus to the industrial machine. The Party Conference in February was devoted largely to denunciations of the Commissars responsible for various branches of production — including military supplies, the chemical industry and the electrical industry — and was followed by a minor purge in which several of the offenders were dismissed and others reprimanded.

In any case there is no doubt that Stalin is a realist who understands fully that foreign policy can be based only on effective power, and that effective power in the contemporary world means a highly organised and developed industrial capacity. The Finnish War was an untimely revelation of Russian weakness which the Soviet authorities have ever since that time been labouring hard to repair. Stalin, who has been for twenty years a close and tolerably cynical observer of the international scene, is unlikely to put much faith in pacts—least of all in those which now unite



ON THE SPOT

LONDON DEFIES THE FURY OF THE LUFTWAFFE: NO. 2

Cinema Day Audiences

By
Gottfried J. Keller

London Correspondent of
the "Basler Nachrichten"

In spite of assertions by the enemy that gigantic petrol dumps had been hit and tankers in convoy sunk, every car driver is allotted his petrol ration with the greatest regularity—even including foreigners who are still allowed to use their cars.

Where proof can be given that the car is urgently required an additional ration is granted. Every motorist has made it a rule to offer lifts to pedestrians, whereby the difficulties of bus, rail and underground traffic during rush hours have been considerably alleviated. To offer lifts to soldiers has become a matter of course.

Many drivers have fitted their cars with a collection box in which their passengers can put whatever they think is due: the proceeds are handed over to the Red Cross or the local Spitfire Fund.

The black-out, which is still being rigorously enforced, has brought it about that cinemas, theatres and concerts are more crowded in the afternoon. Blitz or no blitz, the Londoners still love their theatre and their cinema.

The most popular entertainments are light plays which enable one to forget the war for a few hours, or else patriotic films of which some very good ones have recently been shown.

his country with its western and eastern neighbours. But he is even less likely to embark on any adventure which will place a critical strain on Soviet resources. His policy is to build up Soviet military strength, and to stave off Germany long enough to prevent any disagreeable interruption of the process.

A picture called "London Can Take It," showing the capital during and after air attacks, and the fire brigade and other civilian defence organisations in action, has had an enormous success. The Chaplin film, "The Great Dictator" is the piece de resistance of the moment.

The black-out has also brought about a much greater appreciation of books, newspapers and the wireless, because few people now leave their homes at night.

Nightlife has almost entirely vanished: invitations to supper have been replaced by invitations to lunch.

As far as the food situation is concerned, it may be described as entirely satisfactory. The prices of most articles have been fixed by the Government; profiteering has thus been rendered impossible.

To assure just and equal distribution to everybody the following articles of food have been rationed: butter, margarine and cooking fats, sugar, bacon, tea and meat with the exception of sausages.

Vegetables, bread, fruit, potatoes have not been rationed. In every case the rations are so fixed that everybody can have enough for his needs—except that people used to eating a lot of meat have to be satisfied with less to-day. Only eggs have for some time been scarce and dear.

A word about the radio, the press and propaganda.

The British Broadcasting Corporation has been supplementing the news at night by short talks

by famous personalities, such as politicians, military experts, etc.

Regrettably, Churchill himself has rarely the time to come to the microphone, but when he does it is evident how very popular he really is. His speeches, his remarks, his conclusions are for days afterwards discussed in the train, in the bus, in the tram.

Except where military considerations do not permit it, the press has retained its freedom to a remarkable degree. It is—as it has always been—a mirror of the most diverse points of view and opinions. It is united only in that it has one great goal—the winning of the war.

In spite of laws giving the Government almost dictatorial powers, the press still criticises strongly if it considers a Government measure to be unsatisfactory.

Often it gives the impression that it keeps urging the Government to do or not do something, till the Government finally accedes. Thus it is worth mentioning that it is mainly due to the press that certain measures taken against aliens by the Home Secretary after the collapse of Holland have nearly all disappeared.

To-day, every Englishman is a hundred per cent. convinced that England will win this war—that it cannot lose this war because it can endure it for longer than the totalitarian states.

This unshakeable conviction is not the result of propaganda, because, as already mentioned, English propaganda is not very convincing.

But anybody who has considered the course of the war knows that in spite of the disappointments without number which it has so far brought on England, the Axis powers could only win it by successful occupation of England. But as long as the British Navy remains undefeated and the air over England is made untenable for the enemy, invasion is an undertaking to daunt even the most courageous and successful conqueror.

(These despatches appeared in the Swiss newspaper "Basler Nachrichten".)

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"THE PRESIDENT has declared in terms no men can mistake on which side in this grim contest stands the United States," declared the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, at Cambridge, Mass., yesterday.

Lord Halifax, who was speaking at the commencement (breaking up) alumni luncheon at Harvard University, continued: "There is no need for me to dwell upon the encouragement his words brought to my people, to the whole British Commonwealth or to lovers of freedom everywhere.

"You in the United States are forging for us in a steadily mounting volume those weapons of war we require—and which, as they reach our hands held out to receive them, will assuredly be a powerful aid to bring final victory.

"Nothing will indeed make me believe that those abiding values for which Harvard and Oxford stand; which have made your country and mine; things by which we live — nothing will make me believe that those things can go down before so foul and vile a thing as Nazism has shown itself to be."

Lord Halifax added he was "happy to think that in spite of the wanton destruction of so many buildings in England, as precious to you as to us, the chapel of Southwark Cathedral consecrated to John Harvard's memory (founder of Harvard) and refurbished by the piety of Harvard men, stands undamaged.

England At Bay

"The dangers with which the American Republic and the British Commonwealth are now confronted, though they appear to us in more fearful guise, are not new in the history of mankind.

"Nearly 150 years ago, and more than a year before the Battle of Trafalgar — which secured the freedom of the seas, for the ensuing century — my country, then friendless in the world, was in imminent danger of invasion.

"Then as now England, last home of freedom in Europe, was in peril and at bay. Then as now all classes and creeds flocked freely to her defence." — Reuter.

HOLLAND'S GRAND CONTRIBUTION

Help given the Allied cause by the Dutch was referred to by the Netherlands Prime Minister in a speech yesterday.

The greater part of the Dutch Navy was brought to Britain, he said, and the largest cruiser then lying half finished in the dock-yards was towed with workmen aboard to a British harbour where she had since been completed.

The nation's gold was saved as well as the merchant fleet. The Democratic cause, he added, had a splendid ally in the pacifist resistance of the subjugated peoples.—British Wire-
less.

HONORARY DEGREE

President Roosevelt is to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Common Law by a diploma from Oxford University, it was decided by the University yesterday, says Reuter from London.

**JUST ANOTHER
THOUSAND
MILLION**

At an early sitting the House of Commons will be asked to grant a supplementary vote of credit for £1,000,000,000, it is learned in London.

This amount, which is the same as the original vote of credit for 1940/41, is required towards defraying expenses which may be incurred during the year ending March 31, 1942, in respect of general Navy, Army and Air Services and for the Ministry of Supply so far as specific provision for public safety and efficient prosecution of the war not otherwise made by Parliament. — British Wireless.

INDIAN ARMY RECRUITING

A drive to secure recruits for the Indian Army from new classes and areas in the country hitherto untapped has been initiated.

The recruiting organisation in India has been strengthened to establish closer relations with the Civil authorities in order to discover new sources for the supply of manpower.

As regards officers, it was stated in Simla, a great improvement has been noted in the standard of candidates offering themselves for emergency commissions. — Reuter.

FRENCH WORKERS OPPOSE VICHY

The workers of France are looking for final British victory.

This was stated by M. Rene Rous when he brought fraternal greetings from the Trade Unions of Free France to the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives meeting yesterday.

He said workers are ranged against the invader and against Vichy whose workers had been sold by a handful of industrialists. In France the working classes were still carrying on a clandestine struggle against the invader and those who had betrayed them.

— British Wireless

THIEF CAUGHT IN THE LAST LAP

Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, Cheung Shan, 27, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing 23 lengths of timber, valued at \$120, from the Wong Tong Kee Timber Yard, Tokwan Road.

Sub-inspector Madgwick stated that early yesterday morning accused removed the timber into his boat, and took it to Ngachiuwan, where he hired a lorry to convey it to his house. On the way the lorry was stopped by a Chinese constable and accused was arrested.

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EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE NIGHT RAID ON GERMANY

STRONG FORCES of British bombers on Wednesday night attacked ports in north-west Germany and the naval base at Brest, where the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and a Hipper class cruiser are still berthed.

Despite variable and often cloudy weather, the British aircraft reached their objectives, says the Air Ministry news service.

Heavy bombs were seen to burst across the docks at Brest, and at Bremen large fires were started.

One pilot stated: "The weather was strange. The North Sea was hidden by haze and we could only just detect the German coast. It was queer to see A.A. shells bursting above it as if coming from nowhere."

"Despite all this obscurity there were occasional gaps through which we could check our approach to the river and docks at Bremen."

"One of our bombers was attacked four times by an enemy fighter before a long burst drove it off. Tracer bullets were seen to enter the fighter which fell away obviously in trouble."

"The British bomber returned home without further interference."—Reuter.

IMPORTANT LINK RESTORED

NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY RESTORED BETWEEN IRAQ AND PALESTINE VIA TRANSJORDAN, SAYS A DESPATCH FROM JERUSALEM TO THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NEWS AGENCY.

Caravans of motor lorries are now running from Basra via Baghdad to Palestine, where they are transporting considerable quantities of goods which had been held up at the port of Basra during Raschid Ali's revolt.—Reuter.

THAILAND RATIFIES PEACE TREATY

The Thailand Assembly yesterday unanimously ratified the Thailand-Indo-China Peace Convention.

The Premier, thanking the House, expressed appreciation of the Japanese mediation in the frontier conflict, and stressed that Thailand would follow the time-honoured policy of friendship for all powers.—Reuter.

LINK WITH VICHY

THERE ARE THE BEST OF REASONS FOR CONTINUING TO RECOGNISE THE VICHY REPRESENTATIVE IN OTTAWA, SAID MR. MACKENZIE KING, CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, ON HIS RETURN FROM THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY.

He noted that South Africa still retained its Vichy relationship.

Mr. Mackenzie King said President Roosevelt hoped to visit Canada in July or later in the summer.—Reuter.

RESTORATION OF THE COMMONS

Replying to a Commons question relating to the future rebuilding of the debating chamber and other parts of the Palace of Westminster damaged by enemy action, the Prime Minister said amidst cheers:

"I cannot conceive anyone would wish to make the slightest structural alteration in the House of Commons other than perhaps some improvement in the system of ventilation or some minor readjustments in accommodation in the galleries not affecting the size, shape and character of the building."—British Wireless.

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN MALTA

Notwithstanding repeated enemy attacks upon Malta the British Institute there is still functioning satisfactorily and membership is well maintained.

The Institute has no colleges attached to it but St. Edward's College and Flores College, which are supported by the British Council, are also carrying on their work as usual.

This statement was made by the Colonial Under-Secretary in reply to a Commons question.—British Wireless.

ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON FORCES AT SOLLUM

The three-days battle at Sollum made enormous demands on the fighting forces, says the official German news agency.

"The temperature at noon averaged 139 degrees. The crews of tanks had to endure an even higher temperature."

—Reuter.

POLISH CABINET MEETING

Yesterday, the first anniversary of General Sikorski's memorable flight to London, a Polish Cabinet met in London under his presidency and the General gave his colleagues an outline of the present international situation, particularly with reference to the position between Germany and Soviet Russia.

The Polish Prime Minister had had an interview with Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Moscow.

A year ago a British bomber aircraft was sent to Bordeaux and brought General Sikorski for a 24-hour visit to London. Next day the General conferred with Mr. Winston Churchill, other members of the British Cabinet and Service chiefs.

These talks laid the foundation for the evacuation of the Polish armed forces from France to Britain and the future collaboration of the Polish and British Governments in pursuing the war to a victorious end.

That night the Polish armed forces started the evacuation from the long coastal sector of France to Britain.

June 19, therefore, remains an historic date for Poland.—British Wireless.

SNATCH AND GRAB THEFT

On Lai-wan, 18, spinster, and Leung Pak-cheung, 57, were sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, for stealing a sewing machine head, valued at \$65, from No. 218, Nathan Road on Wednesday.

The accused, with another man, not arrested, went to the shop at 3.30 p.m. While they were being shown around by Mr. V. Gutierrez, the man picked up a machine head and ran out of the shop followed by accused.

Mr. Gutierrez chased and arrested the young woman and the elderly man, but the other man discarded the article and escaped.

KING AND QUEEN AT MIDDLESBROUGH

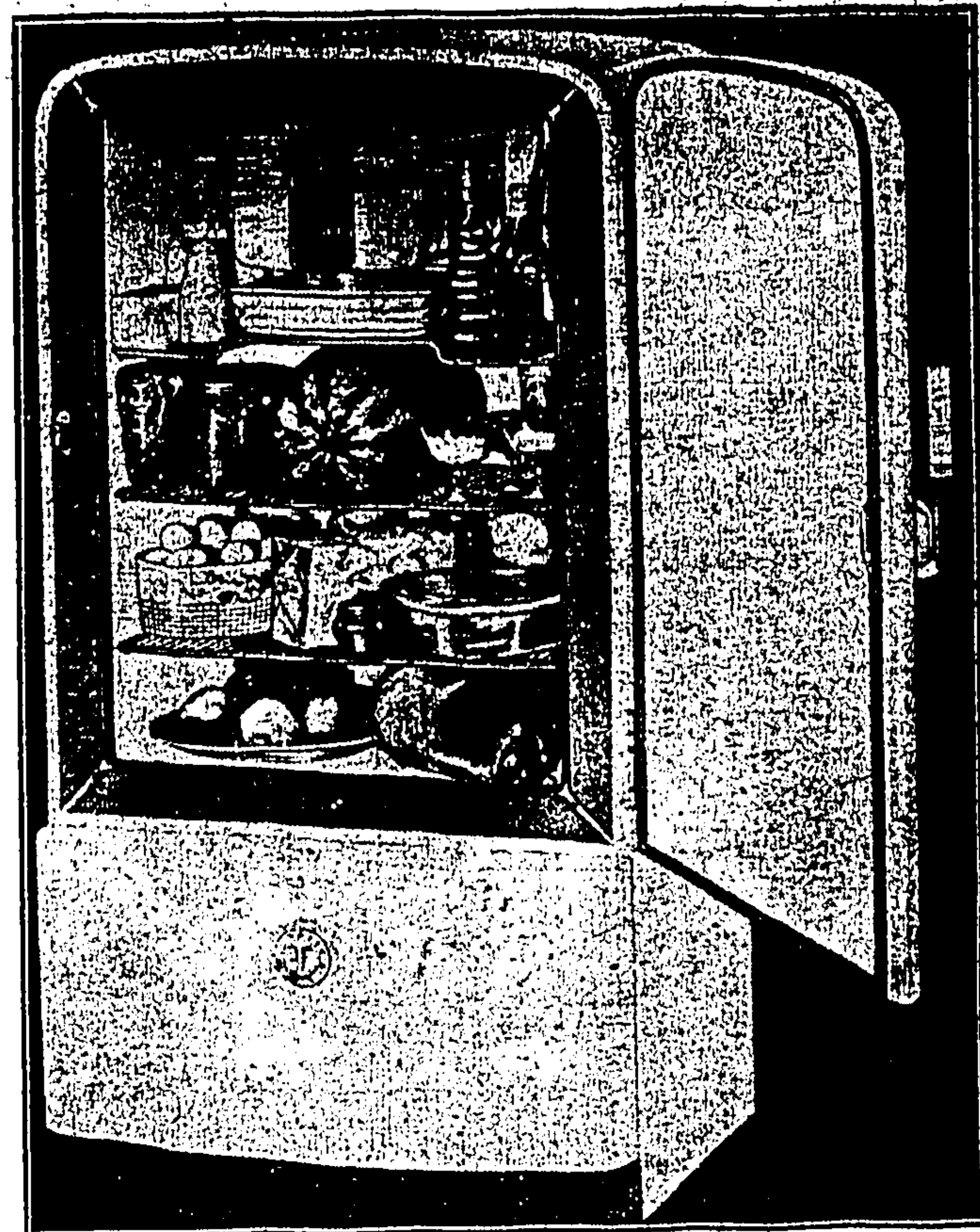
The King and Queen yesterday saw further evidence of the tremendous war effort which north-east Britain is making when they toured shipyards and armament factories in Durham.

At a shipyard, their Majesties saw several cargo ships on the stocks in various stages of completion and went aboard two other ships which were only recently launched.

Later in the day they visited Middlesbrough, where they inspected a big A.R.P. parade.—British Wireless.

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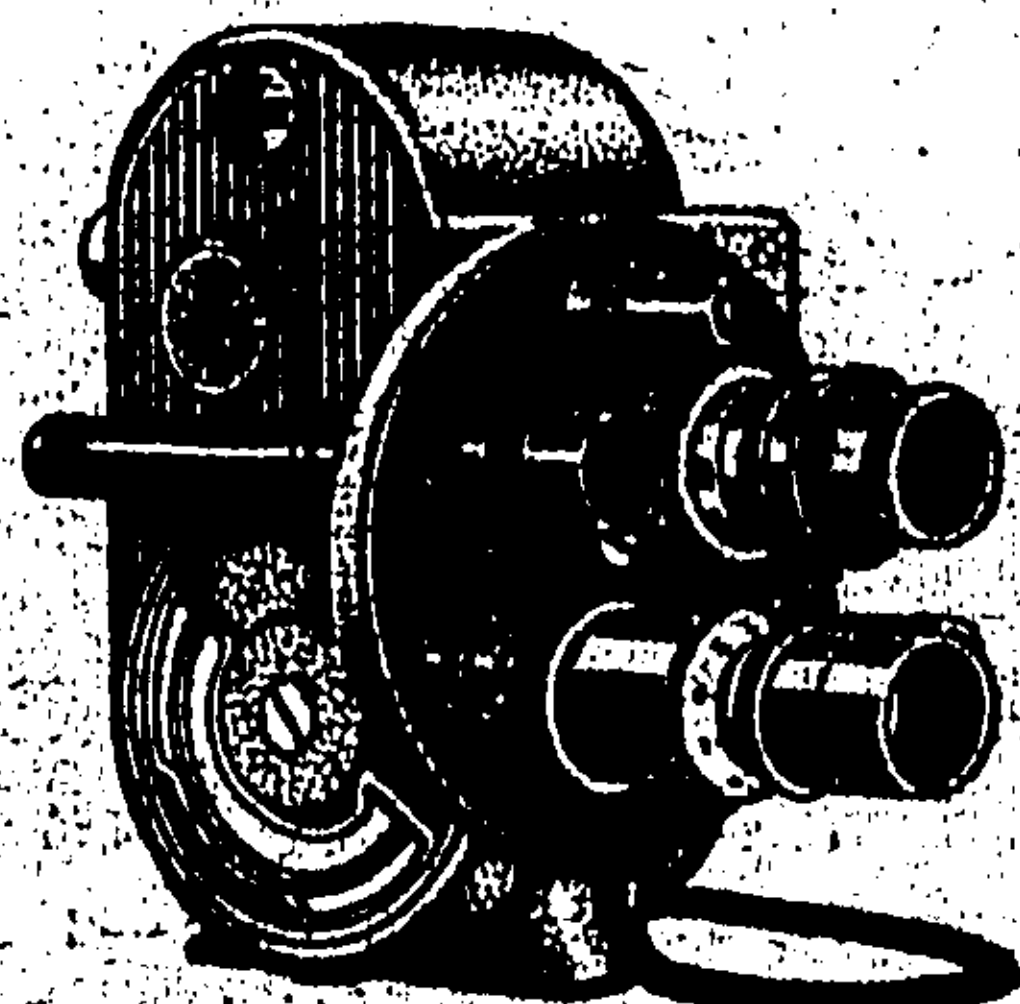
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of FOUR per cent. (4%) for the six months ending 30th June, 1941, amounting to FORTY cents per share on the Fully Paid Up Shares and TEN cents per share on the Partly Paid Up Shares of the Company will be paid on MONDAY, the 14th July, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, 4th floor. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 2nd July to SATURDAY, 12th July, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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And

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th JUNE to 20th JUNE, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. H. K. COBB,

Manager for the Far East.
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 48

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♠ K Q J 10 8 7 6 4
♥ Q 10 5
♦ —
♣ 6 4

WEST

♠ 9 2
♥ A K 9 8 4
♦ A 9 8 3 2
♣ 7

EAST

♠ A 5
♥ J 6 2
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ J 9 8 2

SOUTH

♠ 3
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ A K Q 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♥	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the King of hearts, continued with the Ace, and then led a third heart!! Dummy's Queen won the trick and Mr. Lustberg joyfully discarded his singleton spade.

The next step was to lead the spade King from the dummy. East put up the Ace, and South ruffed.

Then South led the King of diamonds through West. West put up the diamond Ace, and dummy ruffed.

With all this luck, South still wasn't "home." A top spade from the dummy allowed South to discard a low diamond, and then another top spade was led from dummy.

At this point East made the fatal error of ruffing. South over-ruffed, ruffed his last losing diamond in the dummy and easily won the rest.

Of course if East had refrained from ruffing, his partner could have ruffed; thirteen spades were in sight. And even if South ruffed high, East would eventually make a trump trick. But the hidden crime, as Mr. Lustberg cheerfully admits, took place during the bidding. South should

have passed four spades, and North would have had no trouble.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ 8 4
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ J 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Behnken	You	Miler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: You must pass. Your partner had the opportunity to make a jump rebid of some kind, but chose to make only a non-committal bid in a new suit. His bid is not forcing, and you lack the strength to make a constructive bid.

Score 100% for pass, 10% for three diamonds.

Question No. 747

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Jacoby	Behnken	You	Miler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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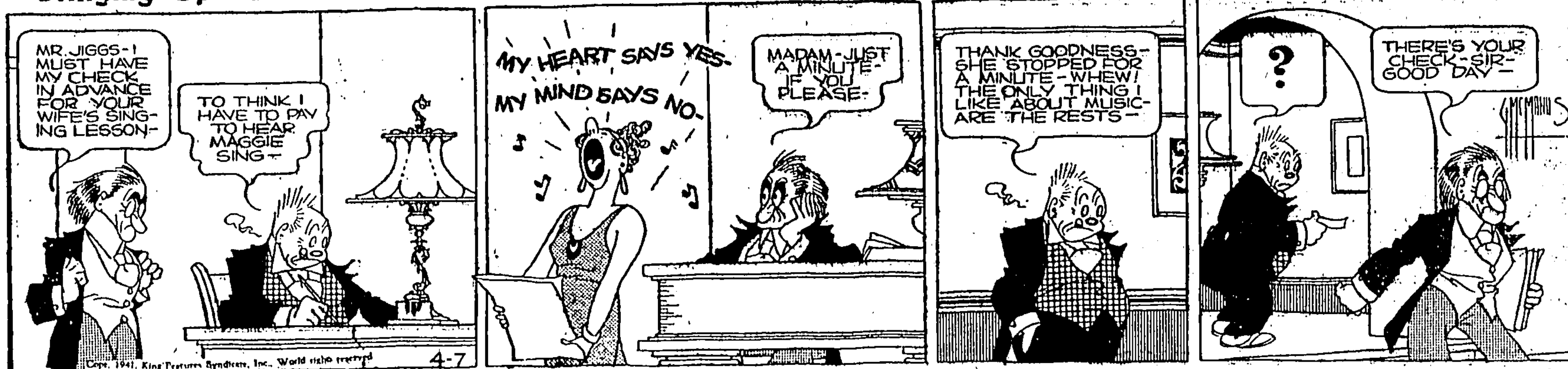
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PRISONERS OF WAR FUND

The Hong Kong Committee British Prisoners of War Fund from its inception has been pursuing its investigations along three main lines.

- (1) To ascertain whether the British Red Cross could arrange to receive actual food shipments either in bulk or in parcels—or,
- (2) Whether it would be preferable to make them cash remittances.
- (3) As an alternative and with a view to getting into more direct contact with the Prisoners of War camps from here the Committee are also investigating the possibility of forwarding goods to Russia for redistribution to prisoners of War Camps in Germany either by Northern Ports or via the Persian Gulf.

As regards (1) and (2) we have received the following telegram from the Prisoners of War Department of the British Red Cross in London in reply to a telegraphic enquiry from us:-

"Your offer send parcels Prisoners of War much appreciated stop Present procedure we despatch in bulk to International Redcross Geneva who redespach to all camps according to the numbers of prisoners in each thus ensuring equitable distribution to prisoners stop Personal parcels can only be sent by nextofkin quarterly stop Present system now working satisfactorily and steady flow to camps being maintained stop Consequently considered opinion of all parties concerned that you transfer funds here stop Writing fully airmail 330 Stanley Adam Redcross London.

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to make a first remittance of £350 out of the total amount of HK\$7,119 subscribed to date. (This has been made possible principally on account of a very generous gift of HK\$5,000 which we received from the Hong Kong Jockey Club). This remittance was sent by Telegraphic Transfer on the 13th June.

Regular Remittances

It is the intention of our Committee to endeavour to make regular remittances in this manner every month and to achieve this it would be a very great help to be able to count upon regular monthly subscriptions.

We feel sure it will be realised that Prisoners of War are entirely dependent on voluntary subscriptions for anything beyond the absolute bare necessities of life. Butter, tea, sugar, etc., cigarettes, warm clothing, books and any other small comforts have to be provided by the Red Cross solely out of voluntary subscriptions.

As regards (3), in attempting to find means of sending parcels to Prisoners of War Camps direct from here through Russia, one member of our Committee was able to get in personal touch with Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador in Moscow. His advice was that distribution from Moscow presents no difficulties provided we can deliver the goods. We are continuing to pursue our investigations on those lines.

Mention has been made in the Press of parcels to Prisoners of War being sent from Shanghai by letter-post via Siberia. This is quite correct. The Chinese Post Office in Shanghai, doubtless by International arrangement, will accept parcels free of all postal charges, of Tobacco, Cigarettes, properly packed tins of Food, Butter and so forth, Oxo Cubes and such like, provided no parcel exceeds 4 lb. in weight and provided the name, rank and prison number and the prison camp address of the recipient are clearly stated on the label.

Limited Scale

The Committee has investigated this method of sending supplies but it was found that they could only be sent on a very limited scale and to individuals. It was therefore not considered suitable for our purpose and there was also the danger of jeopardising the scheme if we attempted to send in large quantities. Any persons, however, wishing to take advantage of it individually can obtain full information from the President or Hon. Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society in Shanghai.

We are pleased to announce that His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be Patron of our Committee and that Major-General Grasett, Commodore Collinson and Group-Captain Horry have kindly consented to become Vice-Patrons.

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"On July 7, China enters the 5th year of her struggle for existence as a free nation. Japanese armies have fought with a cruelty outstanding in a world sick with horrors. Yet the massacres of civilians which have shocked humanity account for only a small fraction of the deaths and sufferings caused by this utterly unprovoked war.

"We are trying to raise a special fund to send out to China on July 7 but we must also provide for the continuity of our work for China in Britain. Democracy's worst disease is ignorance. Japan's attack found China ill-prepared materially. It found the peoples of the West equally ill-equipped mentally for understanding the significance of the Eastern events and their Government reactions to them.

"To dispel this ignorance and to foster a policy of real support and friendship for China is the second duty which the China Campaign Committee has undertaken. In the past year despite the bombing of our office and the dwindling of our funds, we continued our unspectacular but essential work of collection and distribution of information.

"Even at such time as this we dare not cease our activities which we believe prepare the way for new friendship between our two peoples in generations to come. Will you still support us in our double task?"

On behalf of the China Campaign Committee, the appeal was signed by Lord Listowel, President, Mr. Victor Collanetz, Chairman, Miss Margery Fry, Vice-Chairman and Miss Dorothy Woodman, Hon. Secretary. — Central News.

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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—Variety.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Debroy Somers Band.
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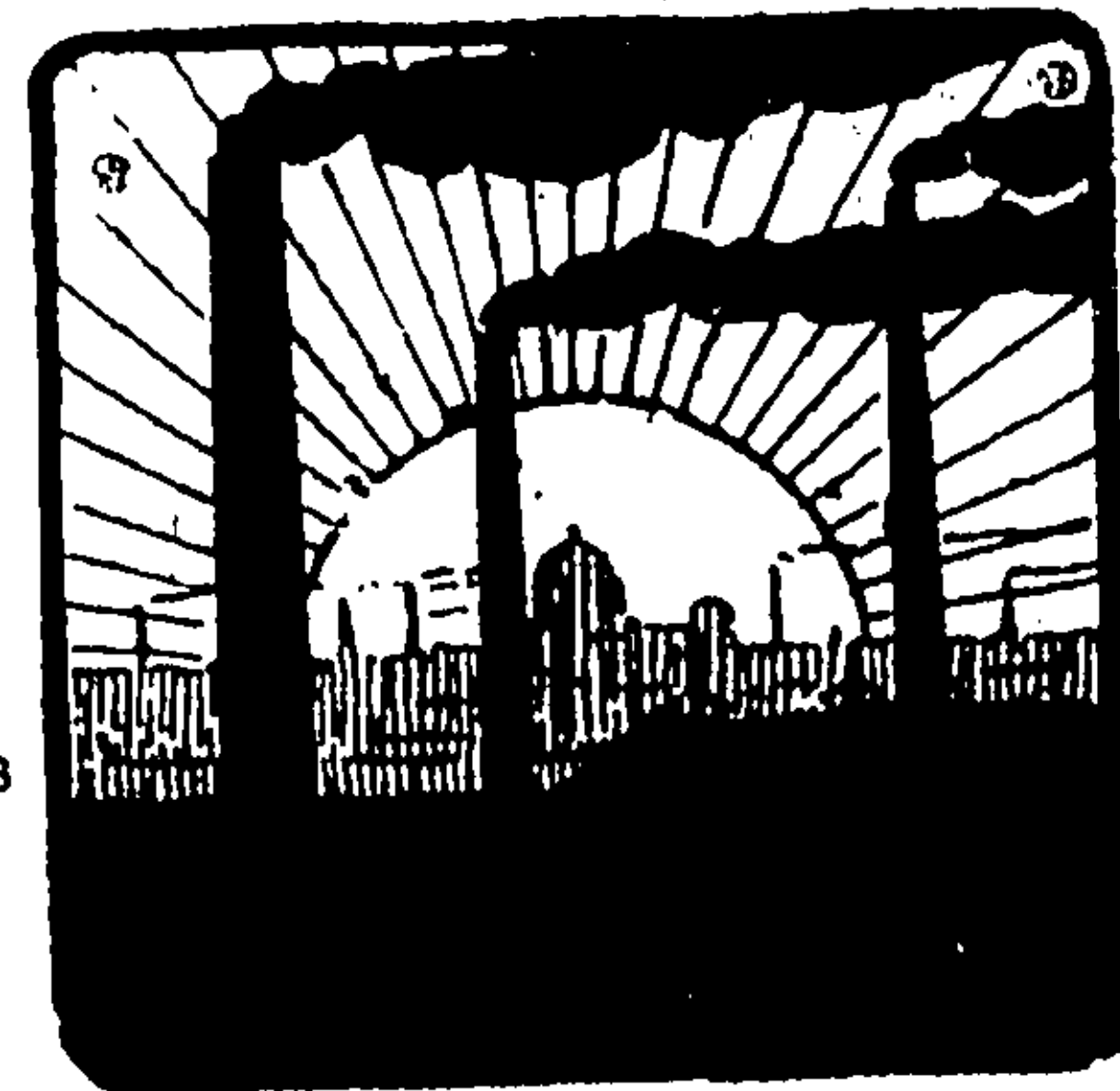
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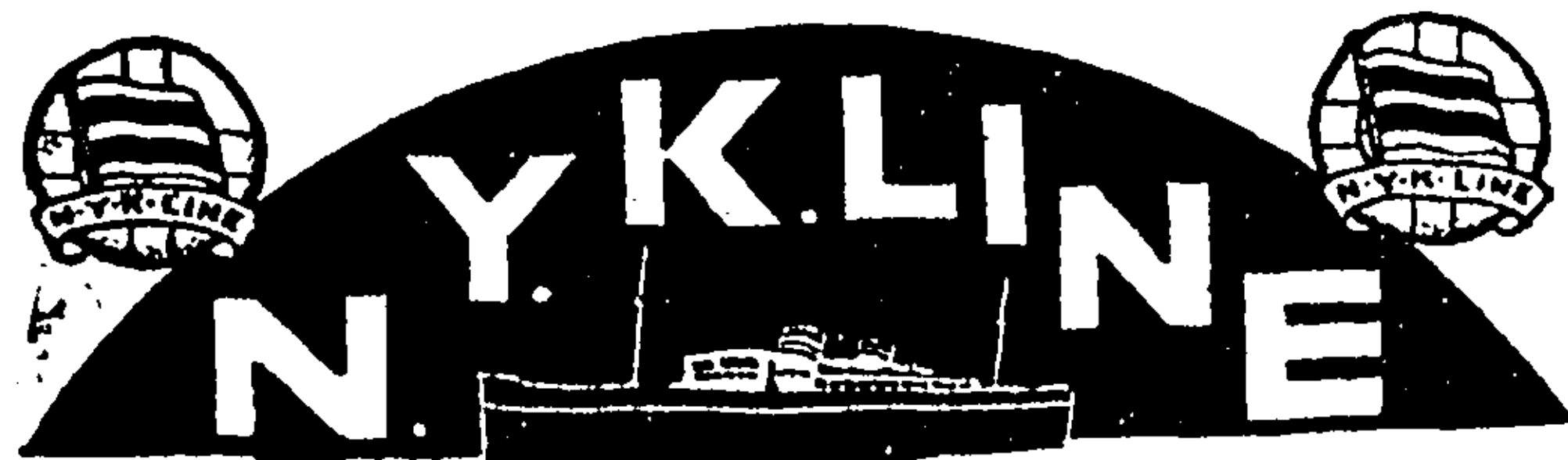
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ILLEGAL FACTORY

A fine of \$75, or one month's hard labour, was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, on Li Hoi, 30, for keeping an unlicensed food factory at No. 146, Reclamation Street.

ABBAS' DRAMATIC RECOVERY AGAINST CARLOS SILVA

Recreio Champion Short Twice And Concedes Six

DALLAH AND LUZ IN GRIM DUEL AT LAST HEAD

By "Skip"

WHEN I READ A FORECAST BY A CONTEMPORARY IN THIS PAPER THAT THE INDIANS MIGHT WELL CAUSE AN UPSET AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS, I POOH-POOED THE IDEA, BUT MY FELLOW SCRIBE PROVED A BETTER JUDGE THAN I, FOR THE SOOKUNPOO (I ALMOST WROTE SOOKUNPOO POO!) MEN WON QUITE HANDSOMELY TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON.

In the only other First Division game Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" managed to beat Kowloon Cricket Club, due chiefly to a big win by Adam Holland against Teddy Fincher, whose rink seems to me to need some strengthening.

Craigengower were all over Club de Recreio in the only Second Division match played, winning by what I would call comfortable margins on all three rinks. Kowloon Tong, leaders in this division, had scored twice as many as Taikoo when "rain drove the players to shelter" as the cricketers call it.

This match, by the way, is the first to be affected by the new rule, passed at the Annual General Meeting of H.K.L.B.A., to the effect that "all unfinished games in which not more than 36 heads have been played in all shall be entirely replayed on the first mutually convenient Sunday or public holiday."

In Third Division Indians beat Club de Recreio, mainly as the result of Madar's 7 shots win over Mike Mendonca, although actually their victory was a clear cut one.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club, present leaders in this division, won on two rinks against Hong Kong Cricket Club. Hughie Nish, who looked as if he was going to try to beat the record when he blanked Edgar Abraham for the first five heads, could do little right subsequently.

Valiant Effort By Abbas

All credit for the great I.R.C. win over the champions must go to "Abbe" Abbas for his valiant—let's call it the word—effort against Carlos Silva, to whom he was down by six shots with only two heads to play. Excitement at this stage was intense as it was touch and go all round, Recreio having the barest of leads. Joe Luz planted his first wood right on top of the jack, and it looked like curtains to "Abbe's" 100 per cent. record, the more so when Marques added another one.

Abbas had the position in rear on the back hand and Jackie Noronha, in trying to mix one, pined in a third shot—and the head still looked nicely fixed



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for the Portuguese. But A. M. Rumjahn was not daunted and came down with all the coolness of a veteran to draw first shot, though he tried to trail the kitty, a difficult shot with the objective obscured on a long head.

Rumjahn Again

Noronha forced this wood through and the sun shone over King's Park again. But only momentarily, for Rumjahn got up to his tricks again and with a perfect wood he trailed to his side's little cluster to count four. THE SKIP'S WOODS MAY WELL BE DESCRIBED AS TRAGIC AND TRIUMPHANT. FOR C. G. SILVA—OF ALL PEOPLE—WAS SHORT WITH BOTH OF HIS WOODS WHILST ABBAS, AS CALM AND CONCENTRATIVE AS EVER, ADDED TWO SHOTS TO CHALK UP SIX AND LEVEL THE SCORES.

Suffiad laid the foundation for a count of three at the last head, his first one being very close to the jack and more than one of the local's woods were short on a shortish head.

Xavier Excels

F. X. Silva soon established a useful lead against A. K. Minu, thanks largely to the excellent game of Leonardo Xavier at No. 1. Dick Alves back to No. 3 again, which I consider his proper place, incidentally, more than pulled his weight whilst "Spuggy" had the better of his opponent and fully deserved his win by 10 shots.

Team Of Heroes

But the most surprising result was Raoul Luz's trouncing at the hands of A. R. Dallah, whose team played like heroes, all down the line. The left-handed Khan and F. X. Soares had a good battle, and I thought the honours were even, but Yusuf completely out-classed Charlie Roza-Pereira, who was frequently short on a heavy green and must have nearly broken his skip's heart.

"Chico" Ribeiro was inclined to be thin, with the result that Raoul was always up against it. He strove hard, but he found his opponent in equally good form.

Great Bowling

When all was over bar the shouting, at the last head, Ribeiro, with a good shot, sprung the jack to the tape about a yard from the ditch to lay one or two.

With his first wood Dallah lay very near the jack—perhaps a foot away at the most—whilst Luz was a shade narrow. Dallah repeated his shot precisely and to an audible "ooh!" the Portuguese skip missed the shot by the narrowest of margins. Great bowling by great bowlers.

Willie Walker Man Of The Match

The man of the match at Cox's Road was Willie Walker who turned out as No. 3 to Adam Holland in the absence of his regular right hand man, S. Randle.

In spite of playing with the handicap of an injured knee, he played an inspired game and could do nothing wrong, drawing and pound-on shots coming all the while.

The two leads, Perry and Deacon,

"SKIP'S" WELCOME RETURN

It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of "Skip" to these columns.

Recognised as the leading lawn bowls critic over the past six years, he will continue to give his comments every Friday.

LET WOOD SLIP

By "Skip"

THERE WAS A RATHER UNUSUAL INCIDENT DURING THE MATCH BETWEEN A. R. DALLAH AND R. F. LUZ AT CLUB DE RECREIO ON SATURDAY. WHETHER IT WAS THE STRAIN OF THE TENSE SITUATION OR WHETHER THE DAMPNESS AFFECTED HIS GRIP I DO NOT KNOW, BUT RAOUL LUZ LET A WOOD SLIP OUT OF HIS HAND AND IT ROLLED ONLY A FEW YARDS UP THE GREEN.

Dallah rightly claimed that it was a dead wood, but there seemed some doubt until U. M. Omar, who had witnessed a similar incident recently and had looked up the rule, put matters right. The rule reads "Any bowl which comes to rest within 15 yards of the front of the mat shall be counted dead and removed to the bank."

Laborious measuring with a five foot tape revealed that the offending bowl was only 36 feet up the green. So off it went.

A REVIEW OF THE FIRST BATCH OF OPEN RINKS MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 14.

W. MAIR WITHOUT PARTNER

G. J. Perkins, who has entered the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship with W. Mair, will be proceeding to Australia on leave in the near future. As a result Mair has applied to the Lawn Bowls Association for permission to have A. E. Carey as his partner in the tournament. All three players concerned are from Police R.C.

who took Walker's place, had a very even struggle and one was as good as the other. This did not apply to the second men, where Jack was not as good as his master! Mulcahy was not unnaturally outshone by his opponent, whilst Teddy Fincher struggled gamely against heavy odds and could not be blamed for the defeat as he saved time and again.

McKelvie On Top

Jock McKelvie beat Tommy Madar. That seems a terse statement but it is not far from the truth, for it was the Football Interporter's brilliance which turned the scales in his favour against the Cricket Interporter. HE WAS SUPERB AND DREW THE SHOT REPEATEDLY WHEN COX'S TWO OR MORE. Most credit for these potential scores for K.C.C. was due to Norman Bebbington, who was again in brilliant form—he has struck a great patch. Bertie Guest was the better of the leads early on, but Len Sykes began to get 'em up to the jack with regularity after the 12th end or thereabouts. Alec Hyde-Lay was second best to McKelvie in the rink and had the edge on Bill Parsons, whilst Drew was right off his game.

Lloyd's Promise

The most improved bowler in the K.C.C. team is undoubtedly "Peter" Lloyd, who played a fine game as lead for Joe Fraser, and the weight did not seem to worry him as much as it did his opponent. I hope it is not too obvious to say he always had the length! Ted Ramsey—another cricket Interporter—ascended to our plane and was all over Lockhart, with the result that Bert White had plenty to do. He did it well. Fraser, who was playing his last game before going on leave to a certain place on a certain ship, was in his best form against Alf Hall and deserved to win after being 12-6 down at one period.

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

K.B.G.C. LED H.K.C.C. 22-3 AFTER 5 ENDS: ABRAHAM'S FINE WIN

By "Skip"

ONCE THEY HAD BECOME USED TO THE GREEN, CRAIGENGOWER NEVER HAD MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION MATCH AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO AND THEY EVENTUALLY RAN OUT WINNERS BY NEARLY 30 SHOTS, ALL RINKS CONTRIBUTING TO THIS FIVE POINTS WIN.

Herbert Randall, pitted against Corney Pereira, who had such a big win the previous week, was the biggest winner, and I hear Ward was in great form, and drawing to the jack with deadly accuracy.

Tommy Lock had an old club-mate in Jockey Soares as his opponent, and once he had the lead, after five heads, he never looked back. Bill Way, on the other hand, led from the start and, although he tied Oscar Remedios down to scoring at only six heads, he could not manage to win by more than nine, the same margin as Lock had.

H.K.C.C. Annihilation Not Sustained

Kowloon Bowling Green started off like the proverbial house on fire in their Third League game against Hong Kong Cricket Club and led 22-3 after only five heads: there was only one team in it up to then, and as I could not steel my nerves to witness the slaughter I went elsewhere. But the annihilation did not eventuate, after all. Hughie Nish, up 8-0 at this stage, "got stuck in 'mud'" and did not score for the next eight ends, while Abraham chalked up a dozen—and kept on adding them pretty well until they had the right side of a 21-13 score!

Deference to age almost makes me refer to Abraham's right hand man as Mr. Cox, but now that this very fit gentleman, who is by far the oldest player taking part in the League, has taken to the game, I am afraid he will have to be Percy! And let me say right away that when he got used to the green he played a splendid game and had the better of such an experi-

enced player as Ted Searle. Langley began very well as lead to Nish, but tailed off somewhat, whilst Peter Morrison and Sir Atholl about shared the honours. Edgar Abraham proved too good for Hughie Nish generally.

The other two local rinks always held the upper hand. Hamilton's four playing consistently to win by well over a dozen. "Hammy" was in his best form, a pretty push through shot securing him a four on one occasion, whilst he was often adding a shot or saving. MacKellar had more of the latter to do and he strove hard, drawing the second shot when his opponents lay at least five at one head. His best support came from his lead "Len" Ryan.

"Edgar" Wallis' four were better, man for man, than a win by half-a-dozen shots would appear to indicate, though "Doc" Valentine and "Jow" Cassidy as lead and skip for the visitors gave their opposite numbers something to worry about.

Indians Win On All Rinks

I have little information with regard to the match at Sookunpoo, the only one, incidentally to be played on the island.

Marcus Carvalho, after trailing all the way, secured a six at the 16th to lead by three, but he could not hold the advantage, the enemy coming back with eight in three heads to get home eventually by a brace.

Peto Yvanovich started slowly against S. M. Rumjahn, but had jumped into a good lead by the half-way stage, only for the Indian to take back the five he had lost at the previous head and get his nose in front to win by a singleton.

Madar always had the edge on base-baller Mike Mendonca and won by over half a dozen.

CHANGES FOR TO-MORROW

In the Civil Service League

Bowls team for to-morrow, Charlie Strange is replaced as skip by E. W. Simmonds, who will have W. H. Colledge, E. Kirmon and M. E. Purvis as his front men. Strange's rink against the Indians comprised F. Harper, E. V. Ebbage and W. Burling.

In Rakusen's rink A. F. Shephard replaces J. Carr as No. 2, while W. Burling plays No. 3 instead of M. E. Purvis.

J. F. McGowan retains P. D. Crawley and T. Seddon as Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, but C. Strange goes to No. 3 instead of E. W. Simmonds.

One Rink Unchanged

In the Electric team there are no changes in L. de Rome's rink, but in J. F. Lunny's rink J. F. Barron has gone No. 1 in place of J. R. Way, with E. L. Groome and R. C. Butler as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, instead of W. Stonehouse and W. Stoker.

J. K. Sloan returns to the side as skip instead of R. C. Butler, who is No. 3 to Lunny. A. P. Tarbuck is lead to Sloan with C. E. Gahagan and A. F. Paul as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. Butler, who skipped last week, had R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome and J. F. Barron as his front men.

In Taikoo's team W. Cunningham is in place of C. Bovard at No. 2 in J. A. Watson's rink, while Bovard goes to No. 2 instead of J. C. Polson in J. C. Chalmers' four.

Coleman No. 3

Kowloon Docks are again forced to make a number of changes in their team. C. Logan, J. V. Ramsey and J. Kempton, who played in the last game against Police, are absentees, but J. Revie, C. S. M. Thom and W. C. K. Mackie are returning to the side. M. Ferguson will be skipping a rink and will have T. Coleman, former skip,

as his No. 3. J. Revie and C. S. M. Thom, who did not play in the last game, complete the rink. In Cullen's rink W. Houston, formerly No. 3 to Coleman, will lead, W. C. Mackie comes in as No. 2 and W. McMaster, formerly No. 2, will be at No. 3. Morrison will have W. Greig as No. 3 in place of Ferguson, while R. Lapsley, formerly lead to Coleman, will be No. 2. Calman is in his usual position as lead.

TAIKOO CLUB
Second Division (v. Prison Officers, Away)
A. MacArthur, W. Cunningham, T. F. Stanton and J. A. Watson (Skip).
J. Nimmo, C. Bovard, F. Hillon and J. C. Chalmers (Skip).
W. C. McKie, S. J. Pollock, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip).
Reserves: J. J. Whyte and D. Coull.

H.K. ELECTRIC
Third Division (v. I.R.C., Home)
W. E. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, A. G. Gardner and L. de Rome (Skip).
A. R. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, A. F. Paul and J. K. Sloan (Skip).
J. F. Barron, E. L. Groome, R. C. Butler and J. F. Lunny (Skip).

C.S.C.C.
First Division (v. Recreio "A", Away)
W. H. Colledge, E. Kirmon, M. E. Purvis and E. W. Simmonds (Skip).
J. Gellatly, A. F. Shephard, W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen (Skip).
P. D. Crawley, T. Seddon, C. Strange and J. F. McGowan (Skip).
Reserves: J. R. Carr, H. McKay.

KOWLOON DOCK
First Division (v. Recreio "B", Home)
J. Revie, C. S. M. Thom, T. Coleman and M. Ferguson (Skip).
W. Houston, W. C. K. Mackie, W. McMaster and F. Cullen (Skip).
A. Calman, R. H. A. Lapsley, W. Greig and R. I. Morrison (Skip).

The junior swimming class of Eastern Athletic Association started training recently at North Point under the coaching of Kwok Chun-hang, who won fame at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

EDDIE SOUZA'S POSSIBLE NO FLUKE

Holland Twice Short OMAR SLIGHTLY LUCKY AT VITAL 20TH

By "Skip"

IF WE OMIT EDDIE SOUZA'S "POSSIBLE" AGAINST ADAM HOLLAND, I THINK THE MOST NOTABLE FEATURE ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST BATCH OF COLONY RINKS CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES, PLAYED ON SUNDAY, WAS THE NUMBER OF CLOSE FINISHES, NO FEWER THAN FOUR OUT OF THE 15 ENDING IN A ONE-SHOT MARGIN.

I was able to see parts of several of these games, thanks to a bye into the next round—and the use of a motor car! Souza's four's "possible" was a remarkable one when one considers the opposition was W. L. Walker, J. C. Gill, J. McKelvie and Holland, yet the big score was by no means a fluke.

His front men, Charlie Vas, and O. P. Remedios, had been through with their woods leaving the Austin Road men with two of three shots—but no back wood, McKelvie having failed to push one through into the desired position. **HOLLAND WAS SHORT WITH HIS FIRST WOOD AND BIG-HEARTED EDDIE TRAILED THE KITTY FOR A BOTTLE OF JOHN HAIG, AND WITH HOLLAND AGAIN SHORT (OH! ADAM!) HE MADE IT A BOTTLE FOR EACH OF THEM!**

But this was not quite enough to win, the Austin Road lads securing a good two at the last head to settle the issue by three shots. On an adjacent rink Alf Hall's four made mincemeat of a very cheery rink from Club de Recreio, a lead of 25-1 eventually bringing victory by nearly a score of shots.

Nothing To Enthuse Over

The fans turned out in plenty to see the epic struggle between Spuggy Silva's four and three Omars and a Bradbury, at Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Although there was some good bowling in parts it cannot be said that the standard was really high. Each player had his moments with the possible exception of Charlie Silva, who was not up to his usual high standard. In a lesser degree that also applies to Bradbury, who has often played better bowls.

"Spuggy" Silva saved on many occasions, whilst "U. M." was always dangerous, though I think he would concede that he was rather fortunate at the vital 20th head when a glancing shot brought him a couple when he had a lead of only a single shot.

A Talkoo rink, skipped by Jimmy Chalmers, had the measure of Field's K.F.C. four throughout and appeared to win as they liked.

Over at Club de Recreio Ernle Kern, skipping the Lapsley family against "Brum" Simmonds, had a hard fight all the way through and only just scraped home, the Civil Service rink scoring three at the last head when they needed only four for a tie.

A four from 2nd Battery, skipped by George Sherriff, trailed "Charlie" Thom's Kowloon Dock office four until the 17th head, but went ahead merrily thereafter. Tommy Carr and Bebbington were the backbone of the Gunners, whilst footballer Williamson played very well as lead against the former.

This Battery rink, I am given to understand, was entered as a direct result of last year's "China Mail Cup" competition. Most gratifying! At Kowloon Cricket Club, Dick Alves had a fairly easy game against Govland of Prison Officers' Club, although the latter's rink fought gamely at the last four heads when facing a deficit of 10.

Rosario Falters

If Rosario could only have kept up the uncanny form which he showed for the first 10 heads or so, Teddy Fincher's rink would have had no further interest in the event. But he fell off badly and a six three-quarters of the way through the game gave the K.C.C. men a one-shot lead which they held and only lost through a fluke.

Modi was consistent throughout for Randall, whilst Teddy Fincher proved the best of his side.

I am not going to pretend that I popped over to the island during the afternoon, but I have some reliable information on some of the games. But I'll be brief. In the Burling and Macfarlane match at the Police Club Kirman and Burling proved the best of their side and the rink did well to scrape home after being 11-2 to the bad. They went up to 19 before the opposition scored again.

4 Strange Men Win

"The Four Strange Men" had an easy game against Doc Karanjia's Craigengower four with Ernest and Syd laying the foundation for the big win.

Joe Eastman was the star turn for Bill Simpson, whose other men, Walter Naef as lead and Tommy Ferguson, were both better than their opponents. The woods did not run very kindly for Rakusen's Civil Servants, of whom MacGowan was the most dependable.

A domestic battle at Craigengower resulted in a big win for Charlie Rosset over Ward, Alf Coates, playing an excellent game as second man for the title holders.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning on Sunday are as follows:

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	E. G. Price, B. O. Baldwin.
9.20 ..	T. E. Pearce, K. S. Morrison.
9.24 ..	M. L. Reidy, N. C. McLeod.
9.28 ..	J. B. Harrison, J. G. H. Lander.
9.32 ..	A. M. Kennedy, J. A. Blackwood.
9.36 ..	N. D. Lloyd, E. G. Smith Wright.
10.16 ..	Brig. Peffers, J. W. Anderson.
10.20 ..	R. I. Plummer, I. P. Tamworth.
10.24 ..	D. Pinkerton, T. Megarry.
10.28 ..	Major Meek, I. H. Gaire.
10.32 ..	Brig. MacLeod, K. S. Robertson.
10.36 ..	Capt. Young, R. Young.
10.40 ..	Col. Rose, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.44 ..	Pay Cdr. Burton, A. B. Purves.
10.48 ..	Major Giles, R. Forrest.
10.52 ..	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.56 ..	A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb.
11.00 ..	C. W. E. Bishop, L. Goldman.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	W. Sharp, J. L. Macintyre.
10.16 ..	Lt. Cdr. Tollemache, R. H. Gregory.
10.20 ..	W. D. Pollock, R. G. Parker.
10.24 ..	J. L. C. Pearce, H. F. Phillips.
10.28 ..	J. D. Clague, S. L. Lloyd.
10.32 ..	Major Guest, J. A. Parrish.
10.36 ..	R. Parkin, G. G. Aitkenhead.
10.40 ..	Major Cadogan-Rawlinson, F. D. Hunter.
10.44 ..	Hon. Capt. Collinson, F. A. Redmond.
10.48 ..	H.E. the G.O.C., S. H. Dodwell.

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Taken on Sunday during the First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship at Civil Service Cricket Club, where a Prison Officers' Club team under F. N. Hill ousted a strong four skipped by W. Mair by 17-16. In the picture, left to right, are J. S. Riddell, W. E. Webber, S. H. Marvin (bowling) and J. R. MacWalter beside him. In the background are J. C. Aitken with a wood, and W. Higgs.

CHAMPIONS WITHOUT RIBEIRO AND POSSIBLY CARLOS SILVA

J. F. V. RIBEIRO, RECREIO "A" LAWN BOWLER, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY FOR A WEEK AT LEAST AS HE IS SUFFERING FROM AN INJURED ARM.

Another Recreio player, Carlos Silva, who was taken ill during the Recreio "A"-I.R.C. match at King's Park last Saturday, is a doubtful starter this Saturday. He went to hospital for treatment on Monday and, though he has since returned to work, it is not at all certain whether he will be playing this week-end.

L. J. Silva, who has for many years played regularly for Recreio in First Division of the

Bowls League, is "official reserve" for their first and second teams this year, stepping into the side whenever there is a shortage. Silva decided on this course because, owing to increased Volunteer duties etc., he has little spare time and does not wish to be tied down every Saturday to bowls.

A REVIEW OF THE WEEK-END LEAGUE MATCHES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 13.

COTTAGE CLUB RIDE

The Cottage Club ride to Lin-mahang, which was postponed from last Saturday, will take place to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

Rain again washed out yesterday's sports programme.

BASKETBALL

In the Inter-School Basketball League competition at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday, Pui Ching College beat Hing Chung Middle School by 41 points to 36, while Ying Wah Middle School conceded a walk-over to Ling Tung College.

BOWLS SWEEP

Following is the Lawn Bowls Sweep draw for to-morrow's League games:

FIRST DIVISION	
Recreio "A" (20)	v C.S.C.C. (44)
I.R.C. (121)	v C.C.C. (33)
K.B.G.C. "B" (375)	v K.C.C. (148)
K.B.G.C. "A" (248)	v P.R.C. (387)
K.D.R.C. (173)	v Recreio "B" (503)
SECOND DIVISION	
K.C.C. (363)	v Recreio (655)
C.C.C. (428)	v H.K.C.C. (543)
K.F.C. (119)	v K.T.G.C.A. (545)
Talkoo (369)	v P.O.C. (319)
Bye:—H.K.F.C. (406).	
THIRD DIVISION	
H.K.F.C. (138)	v C.C.C. (182)
P.R.C. (170)	v K.B.G.C. (421)
H.K.C.C. (511)	v K.F.C. (420)
H.K.E.R.C. (667)	v I.R.C. (573)
Bye:—Recreio (245).	

Following is last week's Sweep, which will also operate on to-morrow's games:

FIRST DIVISION:—Recreio "A"	
(232) v C.S.C.C. (588)	I.R.C. (405) v C.C.C. (586)
K.B.G.C. "B" (105) v K.C.C. (591)	K.B.G.C. "A" (250) v P.R.C. (28)
K.D.R.C. (511) v Recreio "B" (352)	SECOND DIVISION:—
K.C.C. (404) v Recreio (71)	C.C.C. (89) v H.K.C.C. (44)
K.F.C. (152) v K.T.G.C.A. (131)	Talkoo (481) v P.O.C. (600)
Bye H.K.F.C. (289)	THIRD DIVISION:—H.K.F.C. (233) v C.C.C. (577)
P.R.C. (505) v K.B.G.C. (459)	H.K.C.C. (203) v K.F.C. (163)
H.K.E.R.C. (165) v I.R.C. (520)	Bye Recreio (578).

The Substitute Oaks run at Newmarket yesterday resulted as follows:

8-1. Commotion (Harry Wragg)	1
100-8. Turkana (Evans)	2
4-7. Dancing Time (Perryman)	3
Won by 2 lengths; 3/4 length, 12 starters.—Reuter.	



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COLONY LOSING ONE OF ITS BEST SPORT LEADERS

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

In the course of an interview on Wednesday Mr. L. R. Idefonso, president of Hong Kong Softball League, who is returning to Manila on transfer in the near future, asked particularly if it could be made known that he would be only too glad to be of any service to local clubs in any way in his native Philippine Islands. In this connection it is interesting to note that Victoria Recreation Club have already officially appointed him their representative in the P.I.

Idefonso first stepped on these shores on August 8, 1918 and ever since his arrival here has been connected with Filipino Club, of which he has been president on three different occasions. He has held every executive position in the club and has been, since 1918, a member of the committee. In 1928, in recognition of his services to the club, he was made a Life Member—the first to be thus honoured. It was largely through his efforts that the club were allotted their present site in King's Park.

From 1923 to 1928 he was manager of the Filipino baseball nine that took part in the local Baseball League, and in the 1926-



Mr. L. R. Idefonso.

27 season he was hon. treasurer of Hong Kong Baseball League.

When softball was first introduced into the Colony, he gave players and officials alike all the encouragement they needed, and three times he was made president of H.K. Softball Association. As a mark of appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the game, he was presented with a wrist watch, suitably inscribed, at a dinner given in his honour at the Filipino Club on June 14, the present from the Club itself taking the form of a silver cigarette case, also suitably inscribed.

Interports With P. I.

Always ready to help in promoting sport between Hong Kong and his native Philippine Islands, Idefonso has been representative in the Colony of the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation since 1920, and in this capacity has been responsible for arranging interport football matches between the two ports.

In 1933, when St. Joseph's became the first football team to visit Manila from Hong Kong, and again in 1937, when Eastern and Royal Ulster Rifles sent teams to the P.I., Idefonso was the main worker behind the scenes and in 1936, when the Filipino Delegation passed through en route to Berlin for the World Olympiad, he made the arrangements for the swimming exhibitions at V.R.C., track and field events at Caroline Hill and basketball games at Chinese Y.M.C.A.

L.T.A. League Sec.

When Sing Tao Football Club were planning their recent visit to Manila, he was again approached to lend his valuable assistance.

He has been the Filipino Club representative on Softball Association and Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association for many years and is the present League Secretary of L.T.A.

Always ready to help and encourage, Mr. Idefonso's departure from the Colony will leave a gap in the ranks of "sports organisers" that will be indeed difficult to fill.

MIDDLESEX BEATEN

Middlesex Regiment were defeated by the "Green and White" team by 30 points to 24 in the "Kin Shing Cup" Basketball League (on roller skates) at Kowloon Skating Rink last night, after being led 18-11 at the interval.

Winfield (9), Harrington (3), Blackburn (10) and Thornton (2) scored for Middlesex, while Lo Hau (8), Ko Chi (12), Lau Man (8) and Au Kam (2) scored for the winners.

ROYAL HUNT CUP SUBSTITUTE

The Vale of White Horse Hunt Cup, substitute for the Royal Hunt Cup, will be run at Newbury a week to-morrow and the acceptances, with their weights, are as follows: Ombré 9st. 7 lb., Prince Tetra 9st. 6 lb., Devil 9st. 1 lb., Ruodelapaix 9st. 1 lb., Quartier-maitre 9st., Broguart 8st. 13 lb., Aprilleon 8st. 13 lb., Eurasian 8st. 11 lb., Temestep 8st. 9 lb., Glouming 8st. 5 lb., Jamaica Inn 8st. 2 lb., Pharatis 8st. 2 lb., Domaha 8st. 1 lb., Womersley 7st. 13 lb., Mickie Bulger 7st. 13 lb., Zaitor 7st. 13 lb., Davy Doolittle 7st. 9 lb., Nip-away 7st. 9 lb., Melitos 7st. 3 lb., Jeppers Creepers 7st. and Dean of Guild 6st. 12 lb.—Reuters.

Lai Tsun Swimming Union will entertain European Y.M.C.A. in a return swimming encounter at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, July 10.

European Y.M.C.A. beat Royal Navy "C" 7-2 in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water Polo Tournament in the Navy pool yesterday. P. Wilson (4), L. A. Benn, N. D. Brooks and A. F. May scored for Y.M.C.A. and Rice and Smeally replied for the sailors. The unchecked signals boat, 6th A.A. 7-0 in a fast game, goalscorers being Dignan (6) and Bond (2).

TWO CLUBS REJOIN H.K.C.A.A.F.

Two of the six clubs which withdrew from Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation have re-entered the Federation, and it is probable that two others will return to the fold, it was revealed at a meeting of the Federation last night.

It will be recalled that six clubs, South China, Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Miniature Football Association, Chinese Y.M.C.A. and Tai-koo Chinese Recreation Club withdrew from the Federation at the last annual meeting last June.

With the exception of South China and Chinese Recreation Club the others have re-joined or are to re-join the Federation.

It has been mainly through the efforts of Dr. C. T. Wang that these clubs reconsidered their decision.

The soccer section of Police Sports Board are holding their annual meeting on Sunday, June 29, at their Clubhouse, Boundary Street.

Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union will hold their first swimming gala of the season at Laichikok tomorrow, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the "Bomber Fund".

A friendly basketball match on roller-skates was played at Kowloon Skating Rink on Wednesday evening, when Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Union defeated a team from Royal Scots by 39 points to 8.

RICKETTS RETAINS HUNGJAO GOLF TITLE

PLAYING UNDER TRYING WEATHER CONDITIONS, TONY RICKETTS RETAINED THE HUNGJAO GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RECENTLY WHEN HE DEFEATED T.S.M. TERRACE, THE SHANGHAI GOLF CHAMPION, BY 5 AND 3. AFTER BEING 2 DOWN IN THE MORNING, THE CITY CHAMPION FLASHED A STANDARD IN THE AFTERNOON THAT WOULD HAVE WILTED A PROFESSIONAL.

Ricketts was at the top of his form in the afternoon for he never lost a hole until the 13th, by which time he was 5 up. The

match was full of thrills as the players secured their share of birdies, while Terrace was unfortunate in being stymied on three occasions.

An exceptionally large crowd accompanied the finalists among them being Mr. A. H. George, H.B.M. Consul-General, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. F. S. Gibbings, the enthusiastic Club Captain, as well as Mrs. "Billy" Liddell, the Shanghai Ladies' Golf champion in 1923, since when she has confined her interest to riding and racing.

Ricketts' drives throughout the day were like rifle shots. Never before were his drives longer or straighter. Terrace's 72 in the morning and Ricketts' 70 in the afternoon were both magnificent efforts under the sweltering sun without a breath of wind.

The draw for the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship takes place this afternoon in the Offices of Messrs. Gande Price & Co., Ltd., at 4 p.m.

POPULARISING BASEBALL

With a view to promoting baseball among Chinese youths in the Colony, Chung Wah Baseball Club have organised a special section to enable those interested to obtain baseball training.

Mr. Leung Foo-cho is the secretary of this section, which is to be known as the "Chinese Youths Baseball Team" and which has so far attracted 124 members. Training will start immediately after the closing of membership at the end of this month.

CONN HAS ONLY SELF TO BLAME

Turning the tables with dramatic suddenness in the 13th round when looking the worse for wear, and when faced with his first defeat since 1936, Joe Louis snatched the world heavyweight championship from the brink of disaster by knocking out Billy Conn, of Pittsburgh and former world light-heavy-weight champion, on Wednesday night in New York.

Conn boxed beautifully throughout and had only to keep away from trouble for the remainder of the fight. Instead he made the elementary mistake of "mixing it" with such a devastating puncher as Joe Louis and paid the penalty.

Disregarding the shouts of advice from the ringside, Conn forsook all his previous successful boxing tactics and went into close quarters just when Joe Louis was slinging punches in sheer desperation, and almost from nowhere came the paralyzing right to the jaw, travelling only a few inches, which Louis followed up by unleashing a fierce barrage of lefts and rights.

Conn, who had previously been treading the triumphant path, now looked a sorry sight, and with a stupid look on his dazed red face and with blood streaming from his right eye he sagged to the canvas to be counted out.

Conn conceded nearly two stone in weight and, cleverly outboxed Louis after the first two rounds. Dancing lightly about the ring, he presented a difficult target for the slow-moving Louis, being content to land occasionally with his telling blows or suddenly lashing out with a furious two-fisted attack.

His superiority was clearly marked by the 12th round and the entire crowd of 50,000 went delirious. Then came the dramatic turn which dashed Conn's hopes. It was Conn's own fault rather than Joe Louis' prowess.

Two Million Mark

Nearly U.S. \$2,000,000 is now the total of Joe Louis' ring earnings. He received \$154,404 for Wednesday's fight out of the net receipts of \$306,012. Conn received \$77,202. The official attendance was 55,447 and the gross gate receipts \$451,745.—Reuters.

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GERMAN RETALIATION

Withdrawal Of American Consuls Demanded

ITALY MOVES FIRST

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Italy's action in requesting the closure of American consulates was taken despite the fact that the United States has not taken such action against Italy.

An Italian Foreign Office communique said: "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs to-day communicated with the United States Embassy pointing out that the activities of American consular offices in Italy have given rise to grave worries."

"Therefore the Italian Government requests the United States Government to withdraw before July 15 all officers and employees of American consulates in Italy and territories under Italian sovereignty, as well as areas occupied by the Italian armies."

"All these consulates must close, and the Italian Government also reserves the right to close the office of the American Express Co. in Italy."

Breach Forecast

Virginio Gayda, in "Popolo d'Italia," hinted at a complete diplomatic breach between Germany and the United States.

He said: "It cannot yet be affirmed that the unjustified closing of German consulates in the United States will lead to a break in German-American diplomatic relations."

"Washington creates provocations and tries to escape the consequences. Washington is manoeuvring vainly in an attempt to force Berlin to action."—International News Service.

Humourless Hun Makes Accusations

"MUCH INCRIMINATING evidence of offences on the part of American representatives," is contained in a German Note to the United States demanding the withdrawal of American consular staffs from Germany and German-occupied territory, said the official German news agency last night.

It says the German Foreign Office has "a mass of material on intrigues injurious to the State and the prohibited news service of American consulates."

The German news agency mentions a number of American consular officials by name.

Thus, it states that the Consul-General at Cologne, Mr. Alfred H. Kliefoth, "in the autumn of 1939 and the Spring of 1940, carried out espionage against Germany by using, in conjunction with the Belgian Consul-General in Cologne, a code for reports on the German march into Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg."

The Vice-Consul in Hamburg, Mr. Ralph Getzinger, is accused of "carrying out espionage in the Spring of 1941 against Germany by making sketches of the railway system and military installations near Hamburg."

It mentions charges of espionage on German troop movements in Norway, and anti-German propaganda by a former employee of the U.S. consulate in Oslo, Mr. Ivan Jacobsen.

Detrimental Remarks

Mr. Sydney Redekop, consul at Frankfurt-on-Main, is accused of having "delivered copies of anti-German propaganda and to have passed on information of military matters which were of a secret nature."

The Consul-General at Ostend, Mr. Nielsen, and the consul, Mr. Roy E. Bower, at Munich, "in January, 1940, showed their anti-German feelings by making detrimental remarks on Germany and the German Government in the hearing of German persons."—Reuter.

Italy Acts

It was officially announced in Rome yesterday that American consulates in Italy are to be closed. American consuls and employees must leave by July 15.—Reuter.

EIRE'S TEA SHORTAGE

Mr. Sean Lemass, Eire Supplies Minister, stated in the Dail yesterday that a central tax purchasing board had been established which was endeavouring to purchase tea direct from India.

The board had already purchased a quantity of tea in America and shipment of it was being arranged but as it was not sufficient to affect the ration, the purchase of a large quantity was being negotiated in India.

Mr. Lemass added the first cargo of wheat from America, via Lisbon, arrived in Dublin yesterday.—Reuter.

GERMAN PRESSURE ON SOVIET

(Continued from Page 1)

major concessions without fighting."

Face Value

The London newspapers emphasise the Turkish-German Pact and do not share the semi-official attempts to minimise its importance.

The press attitude is that the face value of the pact seems harmless but it must be admitted it represents a German triumph. It is semi-officially pointed out in London that the Pact does not provide for the passage of German troops across Turkey, and the Turks are still bound to Britain.—International News Service.

H.K. HUSBANDS TO MEET

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. C. Clemon) of the Evacuation Representation Committee has announced that a public meeting of all husbands and relatives of evacuees will be held at the Peninsula Hotel next Friday at 8 p.m. to receive a report from the General Committee.

CHAPLIN BANNED IN CHUNGKING

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Screening of "The Great Dictator" and "Pastor Hall" has been prohibited in Chungking.

No reason for the ban was given, but it is believed that it was the result of representations from the German Embassy. — Our Own Correspondent.

MURDER TRIAL POSTPONED

The murder case in which Chan Muk, alias Tai Luk-muk, is charged with the murder of Kwong Wong on April 25, at the Tung Yee Hing Boat Building Yard, Shaokwan, was adjourned to the next Sessions by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting and Mr. T. F. Lo, instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, was for the accused.

Before a jury had been called, Mr. Lo said that the state of mind of the accused at the time may be on issue and for this purpose the opinion and advice of medical experts was being sought.

Mr. Lo said that Mr. Williams had no objection to the adjournment for which he was asking. The adjournment was granted.

CHARGE OF MURDER

Pritam Singh, 38, private watchman, employed by the Cheong Kee Money Changer shop, at No. 114, Queen's Road Central, was formally remanded for one week by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with the murder of Kesar Singh, on June 11.

It was alleged that the accused shot the deceased during a quarrel in Queen's Road Central.

Inspector L. R. Whant is in charge of the case.

FIRST AID EXAM.

Candidates who have been attending the course of First Aid lectures recently completed by Dr. J. E. Dovey, are advised that the examination will take place

DESERT AIR PATROLS

Normal air patrols were carried out yesterday by R.A.F. and South African aircraft in the Western Desert, says an official R.A.F. communique.

British bombers also raided the landing grounds at Derna and Gazala, one unidentified aircraft being destroyed on the ground at Gazala.

Enemy aircraft approached Malta on two occasions but owing to interception by British fighters, raids did not materialise. Instead, one Italian fighter was shot down and two others badly damaged. From all these operations four British aircraft are missing. — Reuter.

on Monday at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, at 5.30 p.m.

STOP PRESS

About 20 motor-cars and two buses were held up for some 15 minutes in front of the Hong Kong Hotel and Gloucester Building, shortly after 1 p.m. to-day, when Pedder Street was blocked by a taxi.

The taxi broke down near the Queen's Road junction.

Eventually the driver managed to back the car and draw alongside the pavement, allowing those behind to continue their interrupted journeys.

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